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PREFACE

THIS volume takes us to the end of Hearne's life, and the task which the Oxford Historical Society began thirty-five years ago is ended. To complete the work a general index is required; it was the plan of the first Editor that there should be such a volume and for this reason the Index, especially in the case of the earlier volumes, is very defective; but until a volunteer is found for this task, nothing can be done. It was also promised by the Editor of the first volume that the Editor of the last volume would write a life of Hearne; but he little thought that, when the end was reached, the cost of printing would be more than doubled, and that the income of the Society would have decreased by two-thirds. Nor is a life needed; any one can compile it from the Diary.

In the last three and a half years of his life, Hearne issued the following works: *Hemingford* in two volumes about Feb. 14, 1732;¹ *Otterbourne* in two volumes on Feb. 22, 1733;² the *Annals of Dunstable* in two volumes on Feb. 26, 1734;³ *Benedictus Abbas* in two volumes on April 29, 1735,⁴ on which date was issued the prospectus for an edition of John Bever, although at the time Hearne was so weak that he could do little work and was within six weeks of his death.

The Reader may be warned how large a part of Hearne's Diary is taken bodily and even *verbatim* from the letters he received. For instance the Diary for Dec. 26 and 27 is copied from the letter of James West which was written to Hearne on Dec. 22; and the same is the case with almost half the entries in the Diary. If the Diary for Dec. 14, 16, 19 and 20 is compared with that part of Rawlinson's letter which is printed in Vol. X, p. 470, a good idea will be formed of Hearne's method. When the earlier volumes of this series were printed, the rule was to print the letters and omit the Diary when it was copied from a letter. In the later volumes the process was reversed, partly because it was found impossible to print all the letters, and also because, when Hearne

¹ See p. 28.

² p. 162.

³ p. 314.

⁴ pp. 455, 456.

transcribes a portion of a letter, he shows that he accepts it, and it is of importance as indicating his interests and judgements.

About the time when this volume begins, Hearne received a blow which he must have felt keenly. On Nov. 14, 1731,¹ there appeared a pamphlet, entitled 'A vindication of those who take the Oath of Allegiance', containing an essay that was written by Hearne in June, 1700, to Mr. Cherry, proving that it was lawful to take the Oath of Allegiance to William III. The essay had remained among the MSS. of Mr. Cherry, and when they were given to the Bodleian by Mrs. Cherry at the advice of Samuel Parker, Hearne's article was among them. The last part of his autobiography, which is now printed for the first time,² shows what efforts he made to recover it, for he had changed his opinions and was now a Nonjuror; but the Librarian could not, or would not, surrender it, and in August, 1730, some of his enemies determined to print it. Bilstone of All Souls and 'Jolly' Ward of University College were the chief movers, and Hearne was convinced that Shippen and Wise were also concerned. Not only was the essay reprinted, but there were 59 pages of Preface, giving 'some observations on the writings of Thomas Hearne',³ in which all the errors that he had made in his various prefaces and notes were pilloried. His friends entreated him to take no notice of the publication, and his Diary makes little mention of it, but the autobiography shows how it galled him. It was a satisfaction to him that his enemies, like the children who mocked the prophet, came to a bad end. Parker, whose only sin was that he considered the good of the Bodleian rather than Hearne's convenience, 'grew melancholy and hippish'⁴ and died in July, 1730; Bilstone 'took to his bed' with vexation,⁵ though he outlived Hearne by many years; and 'Jolly' Ward died suddenly in August, 1733.

In this volume the language is less violent than formerly; the King, for instance, is no longer the Duke of Brunswick, and the authorities of the University are not accused of numberless crimes. It was not so much that Hearne was older, for he was still full of strength, but that his injuries and the question of the Oath of Abjuration were becoming ancient history. Moderation, no doubt, is a virtue, but it makes the Diary less amusing.

It would be a mistake to think that, because he had no official post,

¹ See pp. 477, 479.

² pp. 467-476.

³ p. 477.

⁴ p. 475.

⁵ p. 477.

Hearne took a humble position in Oxford. As we read the Diary, we see that he was on fairly intimate terms with some of the leaders of the University. He spends an evening at the lodgings of the Warden of All Souls;¹ he dines with Bishop Tanner and his wife on Christmas Day;² he instructs the Master of University College in his duties;³ he is consulted by the Rector of Lincoln on matrimonial matters.⁴ It is true that many of the Heads of Houses did not notice him, but if it is remembered that he was the son of a parish clerk and had held no post in the University except as Sub-Librarian of the Bodleian, his position was higher than might be expected. It was higher than the position of Anthony Wood, who, though equally diligent, was of far lower ability than Hearne.

During the last four years of his life Hearne made no new friends; his correspondents are the same as in the previous volume; his unsociableness seems to have grown on him; we learn that he had for some years ceased to frequent the coffee-houses,⁵ where he would meet company; also that he no longer went to Taverns⁶ (i. e. wine houses), where Anthony Wood often spent his evenings with his friends; he went occasionally to a beer tavern, the Coach and Horses,⁷ a small place where he would meet no one. We hear nothing of visits to the rooms of undergraduates, as in the earlier volumes, and all his friends were aware that he kept his door locked,⁸ not only when he was out (which was natural enough, since it seems that he had £1,000 in the room⁹), but also when he was in. Lord Oxford invited him to London; others urged him to visit Mr. Baker at Cambridge, but without success.¹⁰ He took a long walk every afternoon, and in this volume we never hear that he had a companion, as in earlier years. No doubt it is difficult to make new friends after you are fifty, but good Mr. Baker of Cambridge, who was older than Hearne, had no lack of friends. The truth seems to be that Hearne was not an affectionate man, or fond of his fellow-men. He was good enough to his step-mother, or (as he called her) his mother-in-law, and sent her money; he wrote occasionally to his sister or his brothers, but he had no desire to see any of them. When he writes to his friends, it is not for

¹ p. 232.² p. 287.³ p. 235.⁴ p. 44.⁵ p. 327.⁶ p. 177.⁷ p. 358.⁸ p. 465.

⁹ 'We have been informed that a considerable sum of money, upwards of a thousand pounds, was found hid in holes and books.' *Impartial Memorials of the Life of Hearne*, p. 60; London, 1736.

¹⁰ pp. 311, 313.

the purpose of amusing them or making them happy; and his letters are dry and constrained. He makes no mention of children in any passage. Anthony Wood, angular man though he was, had more affection for his friends and was more human. During the last four years of his life Hearne's closest friend seems to have been John Loveday, but he was often absent from Oxford.

The biography of Hearne which was published in 1772 states that he died of a fever on June 10, 1735, but Hearne's Diary and still more his correspondence show that he had been ill of an obscure disease for something like six months. We hear of it first in a letter that James West wrote on Feb. 6, saying that he had just learnt that Hearne was 'very much indisposed'; he hoped that Hearne had the advice of Dr. Frewin, whom he took to be as good as any doctor in England; he asks him to write by the next post, to say if he is better. Hearne evidently made light of his illness, for on Feb. 17 West writes that he is glad to hear of his recovery; he has gathered from Dr. Tanner that it was a case of the Gravel. But ten days earlier, writing to Brome, Hearne confessed that he was unwell; that he had had much pain for some time, but whether it was Strangury, Gravel, or Piles he did not know.¹ And in a letter of Feb. 11, written to the Master of New College Choir School, he mentions incidentally that he had had a long indisposition which confined him to Edmund Hall. On March 8 West came to see Hearne, and finding him ill, persuaded him to write to Dr. Mead, who was always the kindest of friends. Hearne wrote next day, and told the Doctor that he had had 'a Diarrhoea for several months' and that it was now so troublesome that he could scarcely retain his excrements; his idea was that he was suffering from a relaxation of the Sphincter Ani. If, as he says, this illness had lasted for several months, it must have begun in December or earlier; and after Dec. 6 there is no indication in the Diary that Hearne was ever outside the walls of Edmund Hall. On March 10 or 11, Dr. Frewin saw Hearne, probably at West's arrangement, and as he was going to London, he promised to call on Dr. Mead and discuss the case. In a letter of March 14 Hearne tells Rawlinson that he was undergoing fomentations to stop a flux, and this hindered the progress of his book. The fomentations did no good, but Dr. Mead's treatment, whatever it may have been, seemed successful, and on April 6 Hearne wrote that he was much better, but on April 14 he writes that he is worse. He was

¹ p. 421.

now unable to retain his excrements during his sleep. We do not know what treatment Dr. Mead suggested; for when he wrote to Hearne, his custom was to send a prescription which was to be given to the chemist, and these prescriptions have not been preserved. As late as May 22 the case did not seem serious, and Hearne thought he was better. On May 31 William Brome writes to George Ballard that Dr. Mead had offered to meet Hearne half-way from London to Oxford, if Hearne would come half-way; but Hearne either would not or could not. Brome had also heard that Hearne would drink ale, which was bad for his diarrhoea; also that he thought he would not recover; but Hearne's correspondence and Diary do not convey this impression; he was planning another book and receiving subscriptions for it, and if we may judge from his letters he did not consider his illness was mortal. Towards the end of May the Diary becomes very short and the writing shaky. On June 1 he wrote his Diary; on June 2, 3, and 4 he could do nothing more than write the date. Probably on June 5 he could not leave his bed. We learn from the account of Mr. Loveday, which is printed after the Diary, that towards the end of May when Hearne was getting weak he spent much of his time dozing in a chair. Evidently the diarrhoea never stopped, and he died of exhaustion.

During Hearne's last illness there was much talk because he refused all spiritual ministrations; it is a matter to which no attention would be paid now, but it was unusual at that time, when it was expected that a man on his death-bed should assert to what community he belonged. Henry Felton, Principal of the Hall, offered his ministrations; no one, says Mr. Loveday, was surprised that they were refused, except Mr. Felton; we, who read in the Diary what Hearne thought of Felton, cannot be surprised. Bishop Tanner, an old and true friend, visited him in his illness, but knew Hearne's character and therefore did not offer his services.¹ It caused more surprise when Hearne refused to see the Rev. John Ball, who was a Nonjuror; the truth is that Hearne and Ball had little in common, but it was said that it was a proof that Hearne must be a Roman Catholic. What added point to the gossip was that shortly before he died Hearne was visited by a Roman Catholic priest, who stayed with him for more than an hour with locked doors. He is described as being the priest of Sir Francis Curzon of Waterperry, and we are told that he was previously the private chaplain of Mr. Powell of

Sandford and had met Hearne at Mr. Powell's. Probably he was Father Peter Ingleby, S.J., who died at Waterperry in 1741 and seems to have been at Sandford in 1724.¹ Although Waterperry is 10 miles from Oxford, yet if he served the chapel in St. Clement's as well, he might learn in Oxford how ill Hearne was. If he supposed that Hearne was anxious to be reconciled to the Church of Rome, he had what seemed to be good reasons. Hearne had cut himself adrift from the Church of England; he had, apparently, not been in any place of worship for 15 years or more; he decried the Church of England and exalted the Church of Rome continually. If, as was the fact, all Nonjurors were assumed to be semi-Papists, the assumption was all the stronger in the case of Hearne; the only country gentlemen that he was acquainted with were Mr. Powell and Mr. Eyston, both Roman Catholics, and it was known to Mr. Baker, and no doubt to others, that he was in correspondence with Roman Catholics.² We who have the letters and know that there is not a word of religion in them and that in reality Hearne did not know the difference between a Breviary and a Missal, see that the hopes of Father Ingleby were unfounded; but it certainly would appear at first sight that Hearne was one who would like to be received into the Roman Church before his death. What happened at the interview is unknown. Hearne was not one to discuss such matters with his friends; he was secretive by nature, and all the more during his last days, when he was weak. That the doors were locked meant nothing; Hearne always locked his door when he had a visitor. The Manciple stated³ that after the interview Hearne seemed 'choleric and as though he had been in a great passion', which is exactly what would happen if an attempt was made to turn him a hair's-breadth in matters of religion or politics or anything else. Father Ingleby's ministrations were refused, and the only ministrations Hearne accepted were those of the Manciple, who read to him the Psalms and Lessons for the day,⁴ according to Hearne's regular custom, when he was too weak to read them himself. Mr. Loveday has no doubt that Hearne died a 'good Protestant', but we would gladly spare some of the excellence of his Protestantism, if before his death he could have acquired goodwill and humility.

Within a few months of Hearne's death there appeared a pamphlet of 66 pages called 'Impartial Memorials of the Life and Writings of

¹ *Oxfordshire Catholic Missions*, by Mrs. Bryan Stapleton (1906).

² p. 463.

³ p. 464.

⁴ p. 464.

Thomas Hearne, M.A., by several Hands'; printed at London. To judge from the first page, it was written, or at least issued, by Curll; and it repeats the criticisms of Bilstone's book and adds more. On the title-page is a picture of Hearne with the lines:

Hearnus, behold; in closet close y-pent,
Of sober face, with learned Dust besprent;
To future ages will his Dulness last
Who hath preserved the Dulness of the past,

lines which are taken with slight alteration from Pope's lines on Hearne in the *Dunciad*. In 1772 a life of Hearne was printed at Oxford in a volume edited by Warton and Huddesford entitled *Lives of Leland, Hearne, and Wood*; it is taken from Rawl. MS. D. 1002, an autobiography of Hearne, of which the conclusion is printed below, pp. 467-79.

Hearne's portrait was drawn by Tilleman and engraved by Vertue. The likeness must have been done about July 1, 1719, when Mr. Bridges brought Tilleman to Oxford.¹ The account of it in Hearne's autobiography² is: 'A little before this, a print of Mr. Hearne, done by that eminent Engraver of Heads, Mr. Virtue, was handed up and down and much commended, which is here mentioned, because it was done without the Consent or Privity of Mr. Hearne. When Mr. Hearne was printing Will. Neubrigensis, his friend John Bridges, Esq., being in Oxford, had with him Mr. Tilleman, a very curious and exact Drawer, who it seems stole his face, after which Mr. Bridges desired, at the Request of his Friends, that Mr. Hearne would permit it to be engraved, but this he denied. Notwithstanding which, at last it was done, as hath been noted, without his leave, and 'tis judged to be excellently well done.' It was on Jan. 25, 1722, that Bridges asked permission to make an engraving of Tilleman's drawing, saying that Murray and others of Hearne's friends desired his portrait; but Hearne begged to be excused from giving his consent.³ The various issues of Vertue's engraving are described in *Reliquiae Hernianae* (ed. P. Bliss), Vol. III, p. 197.

There is another portrait,⁴ drawn and engraved by Michael Burghers, which is accepted by Bliss, but the evidence is unsatisfactory. It represents a young man 'in the cap and gown of a servitor, a large glove lying on his lap', reading a book.⁵ It is taken to be Hearne because Mr. Brindley's impression had a note on it, 'Designed for Mr. Thomas

¹ vol. vii, p. 25.

² *Lives of Leland, Wood, and Hearne* (1772), p. 25.

³ vol. vii, p. 320.

⁴ There is a copy in the Bodleian; Auct. V. iii. 1 (229).

⁵ *Reliquiae Hernianae*, iii, p. 197.

Hearne, when he was a servitor in Edmund Hall', which note was in the handwriting of Lord Oxford, the correspondent of Hearne.¹ But we do not know on what authority Lord Oxford made this statement. It was natural enough for him, when he acquired a print of a studious young Oxonian, to assume that it represented his friend when he was a young man; but Hearne was not a servitor but a batellar, as he tells us in his Autobiography, nor is it likely that when he was a young man of twenty years his portrait would have been taken. But the strongest evidence is that though Hearne mentions Burghers 30 or 40 times in his Diary, he nowhere gives any indication that as a young man he had been drawn and engraved by him, and the passage that has been quoted from his Autobiography implies that Vertue's was the only portrait. Hearne expresses such strong views on personal portraits that if he had sat to Burghers he would have given occasion to his enemies to trip him up. He disbelieves, when he is told that Mr. Baker had sat for his portrait, 'knowing him to be a modest man';² nor would Murray and Bridges have been anxious to 'steal' Hearne's face, if there was already a portrait by Burghers. At the time when Lord Oxford made his note, probably both Hearne and Burghers were dead, and it was impossible to do more than make a guess who was depicted.

There is a tradition that Hearne's room was on the south side of the Quadrangle and on the first floor, but it is doubtful if the tradition is trustworthy. The statement which Hearne makes, Vol. X, p. 21, 'my room next to the churchyard', implies that he was on the north side of the Quadrangle. In this volume, p. 405, we are told that it was a double room, and if (as is believed) the statement has been seen somewhere that Hearne displayed advertisements of his books in his window, he must have been on the ground floor.

A study of the articles in the *Dictionary of National Biography* shows that the Committee of the Oxford Historical Society was wise when it undertook to print this long Diary. It is remarkable how often Hearne is quoted in *D. N. B.* by those who wrote the biographies of men of his time, and perhaps more remarkable that he is rarely quoted because of the wisdom, still less the charity, of his remarks. In the Diary you find that part of a man's character which is not on his tombstone; but it is not for this so much as for his vigour and vividness that he is quoted. Hearne no doubt prided himself on his Latin style, not his English; least

¹ *Reliquiae Hernianae*, iii, p. 197.

² p. 178.

of all on his English style in the Diary; but he had a gift of terse, racy English, especially about his enemies. By birth he was of the working classes, and the language of a clever man of that class is direct, vivid, and idiomatic to an extent that is rare with the educated. The reader may think that in these slashing attacks there is nothing but what he could do as well himself; but if he tries to reproduce from memory one of Hearne's sayings, he will find that if he varies from Hearne, he varies for the worse. Hearne could deal a 'knock-out' blow in a wonderfully crisp way, and in descriptive passages he had the gift of vividness and could not be dull if he would. The tales he has to tell are of trivial matters, but he tells them in such a way as to keep the reader interested. As soon as he begins to write letters, his English loses its virtue; he becomes the gentleman and writes stiffly. This is the judgement of one who is aware that he has no claim to be a critic, but has transcribed three volumes and, to his surprise, has never found it dull.

To the list of books about Hearne, at the end of the article about him in *D. N. B.* may be added: 'Excerpts from the Catalogue of the Library of Thomas Hearne', privately printed by Beriah Botfield in 1848 from Hearne's own Catalogue, preserved in the Library at Norton Hall, Northamptonshire, pp. 48, 4^{to}; the list was begun by Hearne on May 14, 1709, and has the prices which the books were worth.

The following corrections to Vol. X have been kindly supplied by Dr. Wickham Legg and Mr. Challenor Smith. On p. 66, line 31, Mylane means Milan, in spite of what Mr. Gale says in his letter on p. 59. The 'Petre Martir' of l. 38 is Peter Martyr who was murdered in Milanese territory April 6, 1252, though his day was observed on April 29. He was a Dominican; hence the words 'predicatorum gloria'. On page 67, line 2, 'Ut' is the beginning of the response 'Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi'. On page 211, line 15, for *Sherishoton* read *Sherifhoton*.

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[Pages 1-81 are a transcript of Wood's Diary to Feb. 1660, which was in the hands of the Earl of Oxford, who lent it to Hearne on Dec. 25, 1727.]

Account of King Charles I's visit at Little Gidding in Huntingdonshire, from a paper sent me by Mr. John Jones, curate of Abbat's Ripton in Huntingdonshire, who received it of the Rev. Mr. Thomas Ferrar of Little Gidding.¹ It was brought to me by the Northampton carrier, Nov. 3, 1731.

A relation of what in part happened at Little Gidding, upon the King's coming thither, upon the presenting of this insuing and next Work, the whole Law, &c.

This seventh work being finished about the — March, 164[2].² At what time the King's Sacred Majesty passed from Huntington towards ¹⁰ York, and riding within sight of Little Gidding House, demanded whose pleasant seat it was; and it being given him to understand (by Sir Capel Bedells) who it was that dwelt there, he said he would ride up and see the chapel and also the great Book, which he had heard of was making for the Prince. It so happened unexpected that word was brought to Little Gidding that the King was to pass by that way together with the Prince and Palsgrave, the Duke of Richmond and other Lords and Gentlemen, about the number of 40, whereupon the whole Family went down the Hill into the meadows to see the King ride by, with his noble train. When the King came, where they all stood, He seeing them all kneel down, and with ²⁰ hands and voyces lifted up crying 'God save King Charles, God save the King and Noble Prince', He stopped his Horse and moved his Hat; and then came every one and kissed his hand, and so likewise the Prince's; but the Prince Elector denyed his hand saying, 'Ladies, you shall pardon me'. Then said the King, 'Let's ride up to the house', and himself first rode over the bridge (since called the King's Bridge) and being up the hill, came to the house, and all the Company followed him.

¹ This visit is narrated in the Life of N. Ferrar by his Brother, edited by J. E. B. Mayor in *Lives of N. Ferrar* (1855) pp. 149-56, in very similar words, but this account adds something, and is the earlier and more authentic account.

² For this date see *Lives of N. Ferrar*, p. 149.

The King alighted, and being offered to be conducted into the house said 'Nay, we will go first and visit the chapel' which stood hard by the house at the end of the garden.

The Prince and all the rest of the nobles and gentlemen followed him. The King entring performed his Orisons, and then afterwards took a full view of the Church, went up, and took in his hands the Service Book and Bible, covered with Blue Velvet, which stood upon the Communion Table, and opened them, looking what Translation the Great Bible was of, and finding it the New, said it was well. Then he read the X Com-
 10 mandments, the Belief, and Lord's Prayer, that hung in 3 great Brass and Gilt Tablets upon the Wall under the East Window of the Chancell above the Communion Table.

Then he demanded many and sundry questions; 'Who was Patron?'; Answer was made it was of his Majesty's gift; 'That's more than I thought,' said he; then replied a Gentleman, 'Sir, you see you have an Interest in Little Gidding,' at which the King smiled; then said he, 'How often is there Prayers in this Church?' Three times a day it was said. 'That's very well done,' said the King; 'but how often is there Sermons in it?' 'Every Sunday and most Holy-days,' it was answered;
 20 'I like that well,' said the King. 'And is there no catechising also?' Reply was made there was every Sunday. 'But how often is the Sacrament administered?' 'Every first Sunday of each month in the year.' 'A very good order,' said the King. 'And upon Sundays do all the servants come to Church, forenoons and afternoons?' 'They do all,' answer was made. 'Is there a Minister always maintained in the house, since the Family came to this place?' It was said there was. 'Is there not Prayers', said the King, 'used in the House, as well as in the Church before the Family goes to bed?' 'There is,' it was answered. 'Then',
 30 said the King, 'my Lords, I knew what we should find here practised, no other but agreeable to the doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England. Whatever is reported, you now see and hear how things are.' Then he came out of the chancell and cast his eyes upon the great brass Eagle, upon which lay another fair great Bible; then he looked upon the brass Font, and going to the Reading place, took that Bible in his hand and the Service Book that lay upon the Cushion there. Then turning to the Pulpit, finding the Book of Homilies upon the Desk, He said, 'Is this at any time used?' Answer was made 'Often on Holydays'. So viewing the Church well, the King said it was a neat and fine one, and well contrived.

40 Then going out, he looked upon the Diall of the Church, what time of day it was, and so went forward to the House, and entring in to the Great Parlor, he read the Sentences that hung up in little Tablets about the Room, and said they were good things. Then was brought down the Great Book, as much as a man could well carry, and laid upon the Table before the King. The Courtiers saying they never saw such a Book in Paper before of that largeness and size, 'I believe you', said the King, 'for never was there any so great before. This Paper must be made a purpose, I am sure'.

Then viewing the Outside being in Purple Velvet, and perusing the
 50 manner of the Binding, it was told his Majesty that the Outside was not

finished, for it was to be gilded upon the Velvett. 'Well', said the King, 'it is very fair already methinks. Shall it be made trimmer? Charles, you then will have a stately Book indeed', turning himself to the Prince, who was very desirous to see the inside of it. Then the King opened it, the Prince and Palsgrave standing on each side the King. So reading the Frontispiece, which contained the Substance of the work, commending the contriving of it so neatly, he passed to the particular view of each Leaf and Page, saying it was a rare, great and laborious work, as well as pleasant and profitable, and as he turned it all over leaf by leaf, he still, as the matter required, demanded many questions, and the Resons of ¹⁰ such and such things, that he might be satisfied in the work, besides his taking notice of the several pictures in each page, which did express to the Eye what was declared to the Ear in the reading of the Matter and History underneath; so that both senses might be satisfied, and the substance better imprinted in the Memory. The Palsgrave told the King that many of the Figures were very excellent, and of the best Workmanship, graven by the best Artists beyond Sea; 'but', said he, 'all these I know must needs have been gathering together a long time, and from all parts; for I never saw such variety, and so many several men's Ingravings. Many I know, but many I know not of them. But here is ²⁰ of all several nations workmanship'. 'I well perceive it,' said the King; and when the Prince saw any, that were good workmanship, he would clap his hand upon it. It held the King above one hour in the Perusing of it, and at the end said to the Prince, 'this, Charles, will be a brave Book for you'. 'How like you it?' added the Palsgrave. 'Very well, very well,' replied the Prince.

'But', said one of the Gentlemen, 'Sir, your Highness cannot now have it with you. You see it is not quite finished.' 'I will then stay', replied the Prince, 'till it be done, and then it shall be sent me.' 'Then', said another, 'though your Father the King hath the greatest and goodliest ³⁰ ship in the world, you will now have the fairest and stateliest Book in the world'; so the Prince smiled. Then said the King, shutting the Book, 'My Lords, you see the employments, what they are, in this House. Do you think they are idle that can contrive and finish so great and costly a work, as this is? All is done in this House, yea the binding of it, yea all that belongs to it, and that most by the hands of Gentlewomen'. One of the noblemen asked if it were printed in the House, and where their presses were, at which the King smiled. And one told him, that knew the art, that the work was indeed in Print, as he saw, but yet not printed in the House; but all was pasted on so neatly and ruled with red ink, as ⁴⁰ could hardly at first sight be discerned; yet it was at first all cut out with scissors and knives in small pieces, and much of it in lines, nay some in words, and thus again brought into form, and conjoined together into a Body.

The Palsgrave during these discourses went to one of the Gentlewomen, and taking her by the hand said, 'Lady, you shall do me the Favour to go and shew me the fine Almshouse, that your Grandmother erected for 4 poor widows, as I have been told'. So she led him through the room into it, and other courtiers followed to see it.

In the mean time the King talking and turning himself about espied ⁵⁰

two great Books behind him upon a Desk, and stepping to them opening them said, 'Lo, my Lords, look here, the Bible and Book of Martyrs. How often', said he to one of the Family, 'are these read in, and used in this place?' Answer was made, at meal times they were read in; first a chapter in the Bible, and towards the end of the meal, a story out of the Book of Martyrs; that was the order that the Old Gentlewoman used daily to have done; besides at taking away of the cloth the younger children did each of them tell a story not unpleasant or unprofitable, of which they had learned good store, the chief scope of them being to incite
 10 to vertue in sundry kinds, and to deter from vices, by examples of never failing rewards and benefits, for the due Performance of the one and assured punishments in the transgression in the other. 'I marry,'¹ said the King, 'my Lords, this is an excellent hearing. What think ye?' They, seeing the Gentlewomen coming toward the King with some small banquetting in their hands made way; the King took some, so did the Prince, and then came the Palsgrave into the room. So the Gentlewomen, being upon their knees, presented the King, Prince and Palsgrave with 3 small Books, being all they had at the present ready. They accepted them very graciously, and a while stood perusing and commend-
 20 ing the neat and fine Binding of them, as very curious and excellent workmanship. The King bidding them rise, the Palsgrave then went to them and saluted them, saying, 'Ladies, you would even now have kissed my Hands, but I intended to kiss your Lips', at which the King and all the Company smiled. Then said the Palsgrave, 'Sir, there is one thing more worth your seeing', 'What's that?' said the King. 'The curious Lodgings in the Alms-house provided for 4 poor widows, by the old Gentlewoman, mother of the Family.' 'What?' said the King, 'have you been there before me already? I meant to see them before I went.' 'Sir, I will lead you the way,' said the Palsgrave. So the King followed.
 30 Then coming into the room, 'I will believe your judgment another time', said the King; 'it's passing neat and well kept and of good Example.' 'Sir', said one, 'it resembles much the Chapel', each being all wainscotted and pillared and arched. 'Sir', said the Palsgrave to the King, 'oh how often should I have been glad to have had such a Lodging.' 'I believe you', replied the King; so going out at a back-door into the garden, and looking back behind him upon the Company said, 'We may not come into a place we like so well, and see so much Charity, and leave only a verbal Commendation. Where is Ferrar?'; who being called, the King putting out his hand, said to my Lord Duke of Rich-
 40 mond, 'Lo, 5 pieces I give to be distributed by Him unto several poor people here about you, that they may pray for my speedy and safe return again'; the which was next day sent to the poor in the next 5 parishes adjoining. So the King, walking along through the garden, commending the pleasantness of the place, called for his horse. In the mean time, the Courtiers were pleased to honour the Butteries and Cellars (the wine being spent) in visiting them, and freely to tast what they there found; and accepted all in good part, and were well pleased, and very merry with the course [*sic*] and homely country Fare.

¹ This form is not in *N. E. D.* Probably it is 'By Mary'.

His Majesty being mounted, all went to Horse; and the Gentlewomen at the gate, all kneeled down, and with hearty and earnest prayers besought God Almighty most humbly that His Holy Angels might be his guide, and that he might be preserved from all evil both in Soul and Body, and that his return might be speedy and safe to his own and all his People's comforts. The King moved his Hat to them all saying, 'Do, I pray you, daily so pray for me, and God bless you all'. The Prince shook his hand at them, they crying 'God bless Prince Charles'. The Palsgrave and Duke bide them farewell, they beseeching God to keep in safely His Highness and His Grace.

Thus Little Gidding was made happy in the Entertainment of so Royal and Princely Company; and the Honour they then received hath obliged them perpetually to pray day and night to the God of Heaven for the long and happy life of the King, and his children; that they may be prosperous and be victorious over all that shall rise up against them. Amen. Amen. Amen.

'This MS. of Gidding, relating to K. Charles's being there, I have at last procured a copy of. But with this restriction, as it is worded in Mr. Ferrar's Letter to me, sent along with it, viz. "that there be no Printing or Publishing in the Case, nor indeed any copies of it given to, or taken by others, except Mr. Hearne".' From Mr. Jones's Letter that came along with the Transcript, dated at Abbat's Ripton, Oct. 18, 1731.

Dec. 9, 1731 (Thur.). Dr. Rawlinson hath lately met with Dr. Marshall's own copy of his piece against the Non-jurors with MSS. notes by him, top, bottom, and margin, which shew he had in some particulars altered his mind, tho' they are not very material.

Dec. 10 (Fri.). The late Rt Rev^d. Mr. Nathaniel Spinckes was a perfect Saint, & so venerable and good a man, that all had a very great veneration for him. Tho' his Father was a very great enemy to K. Ch. I and intruded into the Living of Caster (no body being more zealous for the Rebels) yet 'tis very much for the honour of his son, that he acted quite another part, saw the errors of his father, and conquered all prejudice of his first education.

Dr. Hickes as well as Mr. Spinckes mightily encouraged and promoted Charity Schools, however erected by persons of a different perswasion from themselves.

One Oldmixton having lately wrote & published a sorry book against the Stuarts, in w^{ch} are some things to shew Clarendon's History that is printed to be spurious as, according to him, being altered by the contrivance of some, among w^{ch} he reckons Dr. Atterbury the deprived Bp of Rochester, there is come out in a sheet or two in folio a Pamphlett by way of Letter, signed Franc. Roffen., in w^{ch} the Bp clears himself, and signifies that he never saw nor read the said History 'till after 'twas printed & published. Indeed he had left X^t Church at that time, as had also Dr. Smalridge, and as for Mr. Edmund Smith, whom Oldmixton brings in as one concerned, Dr. Aldrich had a perfect Aversion to this Smith as a Rake and Debauchee (whence he was commonly called Captain Rag)

and the Dr. would not endure him in his company. The Bp of Rochester is mistaken in this, that he makes the Earl of Rochester to have perused the Dedications & Prefaces to this History, whereas it was Dr. Aldrich, as may be learned from what I have said formerly in these Memoirs. 'Tis remarkable, that Bp Atterbury insists upon his Rights as Bp of Rochester, & does not allow of the validity of Lay deprivations.

Dec. 11 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson hath got an old Ivory Chalice, which he hath had engraved, and he hath given a copy thereof to me. There is an inscription round it, viz. AVE MARIA GRACIA.¹ I do not take it
10 to be so old as perhaps some may. I have seen much such figures and such Inscriptions on the covers of old printed & written books about the time of Hen. VII & Hen. VIII. I say figures, because besides the Inscription there are the figures of St. Peter, the V. Mary, & of dogs, &c. And such figures as I have seen on covers of books exceed this, w^{ch} seems to me to be of foreign work.

Dec. 12 (Sun.). Dr. Tanner yesterday told me at Christ Church, that tho' he be not yet consecrated Bp of St. Asaph, yet he is already provided with persons for all his Chaplains places, and that he was so provided even before he heard any thing of Mr. Jones. He said, however, that he
20 would most certainly advance Mr. Jones to a Benefice, whenever one falls that may be convenient either for himself or Mr. Jones, w^{ch} perhaps may be in less than a year, tho' a determinate time cannot be fixt. I then restored to the Dr. all the papers he had lent me relating to Hemingford, of w^{ch} I give an account in my Preface to Hemingford's *Vita Edwardi I*, &c.

The Dr. told me, 'twas true what was told me, that he had purchased for 90 libs. Archb^p Sancroft's MSS. & that among them was the viith day's Conference of the Q. of Scots, of w^{ch} I should have a Copy to print if I please. He said, My Lord Oxford had had a Copy thereof from him.
30 He insinuated as if he had not been well used, some of the things having been fraudulently convey'd off after his Purchase.

To ask Mr. Baker, whether he knows any thing about *Johannis Blackman baccalaurei theologiae Vita Henrici VI*¹. Dr. Tanner thinks he once saw a MS. thereof (containing chiefly miracles) at Westminster, but that he fears 'tis burnt.

Dec. 13 (Mon.). Dr. Tanner on Saturday last assured me, the MS. Copy of the Hist. and Antiq. of Oxford in English, that they have contrived, by the means of the late Dr. Gardiner & Dr. Charlett, to put into the School Tower, most certainly belongs to the Ashmolean Museum, and
40 that the Receipt of Mr. Wood for an hundred libs. relates only to the Copy he sold to the University, from w^{ch} the book was translated, after w^{ch} translation was published 'tis justly supposed the said Copy he sold them was burnt, but his own Copie came down much lower, receiving continual improvement from him, & had all those things that he used to complain were altered & expunged.

¹ Hearne reproduces the shape of the letters.

Dec. 14 (Tu.). Dr. Smith's books, a very curious classical collection, will be sold this winter. He was Head Master of Merchant Taylors School (and before fellow of St. John's College, Oxon), and was a modest and learned man, no ways blameable, but for his too great mildness.

Mr. Henry Hall, whom I have before mentioned, lived formerly some time in Oxford in Brazenose College, but being a conscientious Nonjuror, he never attended the College Prayers. He had the Inspection there of a young Gentleman, one Mr. Atherton. Afterwards he was in the family of Col. Tufton. Then he went to Madrid, to attend the Duke of Ormond as Chaplain, from whence he brought a fistula, which turned to a Cancer *in ano*. 10

Dec. 15 (Wed.). 'His Majesty has been pleased to order his Conge d'Elire to be sent to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Asaph, for their electing Thomas Tanner, Doctor in Divinity, to be Bishop of that See, void by the Translation of the Right Rev^d. Father in God Francis [Hare], L^d Bishop thereof to the See of Chichester.' *Northampton Mercury for Dec. 31, Mon. 1731.*

Dec. 16 (Thur.). When I first came to Oxford, one Mr. Richd. Butler was Servitour to Dr. John Mill, Principal of Edmund Hall, and he took the Degree of Bach. of Arts when full standing & went off. He was 20 born at Shrewsbury & brought to Oxford by Dr. Timothy Goodwin (he that was afterwards an Irish Bp) who recommended him to Dr. Mill. This Butler is a Clergyman, & had a School in Essex, but he lost it being a Nonjuror, & afterwards travelled abroad with several Gentlemen & Noblemen, & became M.D. at Rheims, but is poor, notwithstanding he has the advantages of language and an *air degagée* proper for a Court Chaplain.

Dec. 17 (Fri.). Remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether they have any ancient Stones at Cambridge as well as old Coins. I never yet heard, that they had any such Stones. Nor indeed had we any at Oxford, till 30 such time as the Arundel Marbles came thither. What had been formerly digg'd up in England, were either quite neglected or destroyed, or else put up at the places where found, or else procured by some Gentlemen & placed somewhere about their Houses.

As to the MS. of L^d Somers (that is in Dr. Rawlinson's hands) neither the times, nor living Characters, will for the present admitt of a publication. Some doubt, whether it be of his pen, as his own character in it is too particular and respectfull. But of this I can say nothing, having never seen the MS.

Dec. 18 (Sat.). Mr. Sloper, the Non-Juror, was a Chaplain of New 40 College, B.A. and dyed about a year since, or better (as I am informed), at Wantage, where he had liv'd for some time past. A Gent. has his papers, with whom Dr. Rawlinson hath very little correspondence. Quære what his name is?

Dr. Rawlinson met lately with a book (among some rubbish) printed in the black letter, and intitl'd *De neutralibus et mediis grosly inglyshed Jacke*

of both sydes, a godly and a necessary Catholike admonicion, touching those that be neutres, holding upon no certayne religion nor doctryne, and such as holde with both partes, or rather of no partie, very necessary to stave and stablysh God's elect in the true Catholic faith against thys present wicked world, seen and allowed, according to the Order appointed in the Quenes Majesties injunctions. Imprinted at London in Whitecrosse-strete by Richard Harrison, 1562. Who the author was I know not, but, if I remember rightly, my late friend Thomas Rawlinson, Esq. lent me such a book.

Dec. 19 (Sun.). The loss at the Cottonian Library is said to be
 10 very great (as I have several times suggested) tho' others dispise it, to excuse Dr. Bentley's great care of himself; for by the Stove chimney, lighted to air one of the rooms, came this accident; add to this what the fire did not entirely destroy, suffer'd very much by water, both dangerous elements to MSS. That brought from Alexandria is said to be safe. Speaker Onslow &c. were present to encourage the workmen to save what they could, and their purses and presence added diligence. The loss is irreparable. Many transcripts are dispersed up and down, ^{weh} now must be looked upon as very valuable.

Dec. 20 (Mon.). Last week died my brother William Hearne of
 20 Winchmore Hill, in the parish of Agmondesham, in Hartfordshire, and was buried yesterday at Pen in Bucks. He hath left a widow and one child a boy, named Thomas.

Mr. Thomas Bedford, a younger Brother of my friend Mr. William Bedford, hath taken Orders, and is going for some time to settle at Angiers in France, as Chaplain to Sir Robert Cotton Bart. & his son, names well known at Preston and in the Fleet prison, they having been concerned in the Transaction at Preston in the time of George I.

Dec. 21 (Tu.). On Sund. Dec. 12 instant died the Rev^d. Mr. John
 30 Bruges, B.D., Rector of Childrey near Wantage in Berks. He was formerly Fellow of Corpus X^{ti} Coll. Oxon., as a member of ^{weh} he took the Degree of M.A. Mar. 2, 1698; & that of B.D. July 17, 1708.

Dec. 19, 1731. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 66) [see Diary, Dec. 23-26].

Dec. 20, 1731. Daniel and Ann Dean to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 266). 'Loving Brother, Wee receved your letter on Thursday last, and this is to cartify you our Brother William is dead and buried on Sunday last, been the 19 instante, but I have not been well to go to him for a weeke before his deathe. Thay never let us no untill thay sent for us to com to his buriell; and then our sister and hur relations caried themselves very straing and woold hardly speak to my wife or I; nor wee no not whether thay have let you no or not. It did not pleas me to see our Brother slited at last, for thay buried him very ordinary to my thought, and a man that hath left such matters behind him, as he hath. I can find by naibors that he is dead worth 230 pound, which I think he ought to have been better looked on at last. My wife was thare the day he made his will in the morning, but how it is I no not, nether will they let me. I woold send our Brother Edward word, but I no not how, and my wife desiers you, if you no ware to send, to let him no, and to let him no how to send to us.'

After he was Rector of Childrey, he married the eldest Daughter of the late Mr. Anthony Peisly of Oxford, Bookseller, whom he hath left a widow, but had never any child by her. He died wealthy, leaving all to his wife.

Dec. 22 (Wed.). On Saturday the 11th inst. Dr. Tanner's books were sunk with the barge some where near Wallingford,¹ as they were coming to Oxford, he having had them brought from Norwich. The damage they have received is very great, there being among them a great many very curious scarce things, MSS^t and printed.

Dr. Rawlinson hath given Mr. Roach's MSS. to the Bodleian Library. ¹⁰ He sent the Parcel to me, done up with Packthread, with liberty of opening it, and of transcribing an account in it of the author. But I did not open it, but sent it to Mr. Fysher, the Head Librarian, on Monday Morning Dec. 6 last, and Mr. Fysher told me last night, that he had rec^d it. I did not think fit to read any thing come from this author, who was of St. John's Coll. in this Univ. & took the Degree of M.A. Mar. 23, 1688, and that of B.D. July 4, 1695. He was a Philadelphian, & looked upon as a sort of madman.

Arthur Vansittart, of Shottesbrooke in Berks., Esq. is appointed Sheriff of the County of Berks. for the year 1732. This Gentleman bears ²⁰ a very good Character. He is a very handsome man, as his Lady, one of the daughters of Sir John Stonehouse, is an extraordinary fine Woman, as indeed all Sir John Stonehouse's daughters are very fine.

[*A subsequent note* NB. Mr. Vansittart declined being Sheriff, and was accordingly excused.]

Dec. 23 (Thurs.). Mr. Baker from the Register at Cambridge, Dec. 19, 1731 'Tho. Carte, A. B. e Coll. Æn. Nas. Oxon., incorporatus Cant. an. 1705; Thomas Carte collegii Regalis Cant. Art. Mag. an. 1706.' King's College being cheapest, most of our Irregular Graduates proceed from that College, which is wrong. ³⁰

Mr. Baker told me, there is some ground for what I heard of their Charter; but the History of it is too long, he said, for a Letter.

Dec. 22, 1731. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 6). Will speak about the coins in his Preface to Hemingford. Mr. Wase of C.C.C. had a collection of coins that were discovered at Cirencester.

Dec. 22, 1731, James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 320) [*see* Diary, Dec. 26, 27]. 'I have received a begging letter from Webb the Bookseller's son. If you will credit me for $\frac{1}{2}$ a guinea, I will thankfully repay it.' Note by Hearne, 'Paid Webb's son Dec. 27.'

Dec. 23, 1731. H. to Mr. Edmund Hearne at Esq. Player's at Mangotsfeld: *draft* [Rawl. 27 B. 266]. 'Our Sister Anne Hearne you know was married some time since to Mr. Daniel Dean, a Brickmaker at Holspur Heath near Beaconsfield. He is a man of a fair character and thither you may direct a letter. They would be glad to hear from you. The melancholy news comes at last. Our Brother William Hearne is dead. On what day he died I know not, but he was buried last Sunday. I was invited to the funeral, but had not notice till that Sunday night at six of the clock. He hath left

¹ In the margin 'It was at Benson lock'.

The Letters of the Univ. of Oxon in Bennett College Library, that I mentioned to Mr. Baker, are undoubtedly the same quoted by Budden. They are in a bad hand. Mr. Baker saw them many years ago.

Dec. 24 (Fri.). Dr. Conyers Middleton (as far as Mr. Baker understands) has no authority as chief Librarian of the University of Cambridge over Mr. Hadderton, the Keeper of the University Library; their authority is equal, only the Dr. has the preference of Order and Honor. But there is no Statute to determine their Privileges. The Dr., Mr. Baker believes, will not contend for power, whilst Mr. Hadderton does most of the business, and the Dr. will have less leisure, now that he is to be their Woodward Professor.

I knew the said Dr. Middleton to be an excellent Scholar, but did not apprehend that he had been a Naturalist.

I told Mr. Baker of John Blackman's Life of Hen. VI. He says, if it be printed, it must be a great Rarity, for he hath never seen it. Mr. Baker hath presumed my consent to send my account (in my name) to our common Friend, Dr. Rawlinson, who finds one of that name to have been Fellow of Eton about the year 1440 or 1450, & Mr. Baker finds one *Joh. Blakman in theologiae scholaris* to have been preferred to the Mastership of
 20 King's Hall Dec. 3, anno 31 Hen. VI. [Mr. Baker's Letter Dec. 19, 1731.]

Dec. 25 (Sat.). Mr. Baker at the same time assures me, that Dr. Peter Needham is dead, & that he hath left his Aeschylus to Dr. Mead, and 20 lib. to his Brother for a Plate, with a very pompous Epitaph under his own hand; but his will not being yet proved, Mr. Baker could not send it me.

The said Dr. Needham was a learned man, and an excellent Grecian. He published The Geoponicks and Theophrastus in Greek & Latin.

Some years ago he was collecting the Patrons of all the Livings in England. Those in the Gift of our Colleges I sent him, all but X^t Church,
 30 which I could not get.

Dec. 26 (Sun.). Mr. Parne hath published his Proposals for his History of Trin. Coll. &c. in Cambridge. It will be *grande volumen* and yet he gives expectation of a 2nd Part.

Mr. Harbin spends a great deal of time in my Lord Oxford's Library, and yet he is so plump, and so much spread, that my friend Mr. Baker hardly knew him, when he was lately at Cambridge.

The mannour of Sopwel is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile southwest from St. Alban's, and there doubtless was the nunnery of w^{ch} Juliana Barnes or Berners was Prioress, tho' I do not as yet hear of any Remains.

40 **Dec. 27 (Mon.).** Connington in Huntingdonshire is the ancient seat of the Cottons; but 'twould surprize one to find it in such ruins. The ancient House is entirely desolate, and the Roman Inscriptions (most of which are printed in Mr. Camden's Britannia) are broken to pieces and

a widow and one child, a boy. I never was at the place where William lived, which is Winchmore Hill in the parish of Agmondesham in Bucks.

Dec. 25, 1731. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 206) [printed in *Letters from Bodl.* 11. 82; see Diary, Dec. 31 and Jan. 2].

trodden under foot. Mr. West was there lately, as he passed into Lincolnshire, to Peterborough, Stamford &c. At Connington he saw Mr. Farrar, Minister of Little Gidding, who told him, there are no remains scarce left of the once Arminian Nunnery, and had I not revived it, 'twould soon have been forgot that there ever had been such a Place.

'Tis as yet impossible to give any particulars of the Loss of the Cotton Library. All possible care is taken, and the books are taken to pieces, and they are as yet hanging upon Lines in single sheets.

Dec. 28 (Tu.). Remember to ask Mr. West, whether he hath seen any other copies of John Blakman's *Vita Henrici VI* besides that printed one w^{ch} he hath lent me, and whether he hath met with any memorandums about the Author. 10

The Rev^d. Mr. Carew Reynell, B. D., Fellow of C.C.C. and Minister of Marston near Oxford, is made Rector of Childrey near Wantage in Berks., in the room of Mr. Bruges deceased.

Dec. 29 (Wed.). Lord Oxford hath a great number of old printed books, which he thinks if they were considered something more considerable would come out as to printing, and the History of it, than has yet been taken notice of, though he confesses, that perhaps he may be mistaken. 20

He hath a great number of Books printed by Caxton, and in very good condition, except a very few. He thinks the number is forty two. I have notes here and there about Caxton, who was an honest, industrious man, but they are what Mr. Bagford had observed, and my Lord Oxford having Mr. Bagford's Papers, hath both these and many besides.

My Lord hath several very curious books printed by those that succeeded Caxton in the business of printing.

Dec. 30 (Thur.).

[An account from the *Northampton Mercury* for Mond. Dec. 27 of the monument 'by the famous statuary Mr. Scheemaker', and the inscription 'written by a very eminent hand', in memory of Montague Garrard Drake (ob. Ap. 26, 1728) in Amersham Church]. 30

Many things in the said Epitaph I believe to be true. For as, as I remember, Mr. Drake, when Gentleman Commoner of St. John's Coll. Oxon. (as a member of which he had the Degree of Master of Arts conferred on him by Creation on July 16, 1709) bore a good character, so he had always a good reputation in the Country, tho' as to the major part of the Inscription, I look upon it as flattery.

Dr. Charles Blake, formerly fellow of St. John's Coll. Oxon. died about 2 or 3 years since, in the 62nd year of his age, being Subdean of York, to w^{ch} he was preferred by Sir W^m Dawes, then Arch^{bp} of York, to whom Dr. Blake had been formerly Tutor at St. John's College. Dr. Blake hath printed some things, being an ingenious man. He was a man of a prodigious strong Arm.

Dec. 30, 1731. A codicil in Hearne's will (Ball's MS. 41. 36). 'My brother William being dead, I give his share to his only son, my nephew Thomas Hearne.'

Dec. 31 (Fri.). The Earl of Oxford hath a vellum *Durandus's Rationale* in folio, printed at Mentz in 1459 by John Fust and Peter Gerszheim, being finished Oct. 14. It is a very fair copy, and contains 319 pages. It is of the very same edition with Sir Thomas Sebright's. It came over into England in the year 1715.

There is a great mistake in Mentelius's book *De vera Typographiae origine* in Q^{to}, from page 68 of which 'tis plain, that he had not seen this Ed. of the *Rationale*.

Jan. 1, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$ (Sat.). *Hieronymus*; or rather *Rufinus, de Fide* was printed 10 at Oxford in 1468 in 4^{to}. It hath signatures, which is an argument with some, as if it were not of that Antiquity. And 'tis mentioned to me by the Earl of Oxford, in his Letter to me from Wimpole in Cambridgeshire of Dec. 25, 1731. But I never doubted of the Authenticalness of the Edition. My Lord observes, that in the book, said to be printed at Oxford in 1468, the Signatures stare one in the face, and he does not know, how to get off that affair as yet, he hopes I will help him, that only sticks with him—He thinks the Register of Arch^{bp} Bourchier is not in being.

As for my part, it is now many years since I saw the Oxford Rufinus. But I never heard the least scruple with respect to the Signatures, 'till they 20 were mentioned at my chamber in Edmund Hall by Dr. Conyers Middleton, my L^d Oxford being then present in 1730. When they first printed at Harlem, they used (because printing Ink was not found out) to print only on one side, and afterwards to past [*sic*] two leaves together, and that each leaf, that was to be so joyned to another, might be the more easily distinguished, they set marks or signatures, and this I take to be the original of Signatures, wh^{ch} was before our Oxford Rufinus came out.

There is Old Thame and New Thame. Old Thame is towards the north, where the mill is, and Friday Street leads to New Thame. See these Remarks vol. 132, p. 2. As I take it there was a Market at Old 30 Thame on Fridays, whence the name of the Street. The Market of New Thame is on Tuesdays.

Jan. 2 (Sun.). My Lord Oxford's MSS. are all in London; as soon as he goes thither, he will send me the MS. of Benedict the Abbot and that of the *Annales Dunstapliae* both transcribed by Mr. Wanley from the Cotton Library.

There are those that set a very great value upon Benedict, and give him the preference to any of his cotemporaries. Even Dr. Thomas Smith for that reason hath spoke laudably of him, and Dr. George Hickes and others had the same opinion, has had also Mr. Wanley, which was one 40 reason of his transcribing him for the Press.

Mr. Baker of St. John's Cambridge is a very Reverend & most worthy man, being so regular, virtuous & studious, that he is an example to the whole University, tho' there are few that follow him. He is hearty & looks very well. Tho' he be 74 years of age, yet he is up by four a clock in

Jan. 1, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. MS. B. 198. 115). Has a parcel of *denarii* found last year at March in the Isle of Ely.

the morning, goes constantly to chappel at five, and this he does without any regard to the season.

Jan. 3 (Mon.). In the Cat. of MSS. p. 177 number 5514.89 among the Duke of Norfolk's Books, is Geffry of Monmouth's History. Ask Mr. Anstis what antiquity it is of. [Similar notes about num. 5515.90; 5518.93; 5519.94; 5520.95; 5521.96; 5524.99; 5528.103.]

Yesterday Browne Willis of Whaddon Hall called upon me. Among other things he told me, that in his IInd Edition of *Notitia Parliamentaria* he had given an account of the Dedications of all the Churches in Berkshire. He is busy in getting the Dedications of all the other Churches in 10 England & I suppose, Wales too.

Jan. 4 (Tu.). In the year 1726 was printed in London a little 8^{vo} book in English, about our English Coins. It is a very mean performance, without one Dram of good learning. I expected great matters from it, weh made me buy it; but I was most sadly disappointed. The Author, I am told, was one Lake, an Herald. And yet, as bad as it is, Browne Willis makes great use of it in what he is now about, weh is a Collection of English Coins, and indeed, by what I can learn of him, he hath got an extraordinary good one, as indeed he had many years ago, when I walked over to Whaddon to see him.

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My Lord Dupplin hath given his Uncle the Earl of Oxford all the books printed at Constantinople, where my L^d Dupplin hath been lately with his father.

Jan. 5 (Wed.). L^d Oxford hath been very busie at Wimpole in furnishing a new Room, he built last year for books, and it is quite full, it is in length 47 feet, in Breadth 21 feet.

Lord Oxford hath got *Joan. Januensis Catholicon* upon Vellum in two vols. in folio Illum. printed in 1460 at Mentz. He hath likewise a Copy of the same book upon Paper, printed the same year, & bound only in one vol. My Lord takes notice, that greater care was taken in illuminating 30 the Vellum than the Paper books, as appears from this work, both printed in one year. Which observation holds true with respect to most books, tho' I think it fails sometimes.

Jan. 6 (Thur.). On Sunday last Browne Willis, of Whaddon Hall, Esq., calling upon me, gave me a Paper, he had transcribed from Mr. Graves's Coll., containing as follows:—'Ex Registro de South Littleton, co. Wigorn. inter collectanea Ricardi Graves de Micleton arm.:—Anno Domini, the xxvii day of the monyth of October in the xxxviiith yere of the Reynyn of our Soveraygn Lorde Kynge Henry the viiith. MDXLVI dyed and was beryed in the Paryshe Cherch of Alhalo- 40 wyn in Evesham Master Clement Wych, Bachelor of Divinite & summe-tyme Abbot of the Monestry of Evesham, the wyche geve to owr Church before He dyed III kyne to have masse & dirige with serten refreshyng to the Parysheners at every yeres mynde for ever'. He is the same (as

Jan. 4, 1731. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 210). Sends an extract from Mentelius.

I take it) that others call Clement Lichfield, whom they make to have died 9 Oct. 1540. See Leland's Coll. Vol. VI p. 163.

Last night Mr. George Bradshaw, of Great Wycombe, distiller, was with me, and said he had settled matters about Marsh Gibbin in Bucks, with relation to his Lease of it from the Master & Brethren of the Hospital of Ewelme. He was baptized Sept. 3, 1687, & his sister Eliz. Bradshaw was baptized March 1, 1669 (being born about 10 days before) of w^{ch} he had certificates from Mr. S. Guise, minister of Great Wycombe.

Jan. 7 (Fri.). Mentelius in p. 67 of his *Paraenisis de vera Typographiae origine* notes that the date *MCCCCCLIX* of printing Durandus's *Rationale* should be changed into *MCCCCCLXI* and that 'twas a mistake of the *librarii*. Whence I gather, that he had never seen the book, as also my Lord Oxford had done before me. My Lord hath sent me the Passage at large from Mentelius, I having not got the book.

On Wed. last, being the 5th instant, died the Rev^d. Mr. Samuel Hayward, M.A. and Chaplain of X^t Church Oxford. He had been originally of Magd. College. A week or more before his Death he came home much disordered with liquor, and fell down from the Terras in the great Quadrangle at X^t Church, and broke two of his Ribs, w^{ch} threw him into
20 a raving condition. He was buried to day at X^t Church.

Jan. 8 (Sat.). *Annales de Lanercost ab adventu Anglorum ad annum 1347* are in the Cotton Library, Claudius D. VII, valde prolixi. Mr. Wharton extracted several things from them about Robt. Grosthead. Dr. Smith mentions them as excerpted ex Gulielmo Malmesburiensi, Henrico Herfordensi archidiacono, Gilda, Gilberto Monumethensi, & Helinando, per quendam canonicum de Lanercost in comitatu Cumbriae, pag. 44 of his Catalogue. I am apt to think there are many things of moment in these Annals relating to Scotland.

Jan. 9 (Sun.). Dr. Tanner showed me last Wednesday a single leaf
30 of Paper he had, containing the Titles of Books that formerly belonged to some Oxford man, who had lent them out, one of w^{ch} was a Florio's Dictionary that he lent to Mr. Woodhead of University College. Neither the Dr. nor myself can tell the hand, but he was a man well furnished with books & willing to lend. By the marks they were all returned.

The Dr. at the same time shewed me a little sticht thing in 4^{to} of Mr. Wood's writing, being the certificates signed by the V. Chanc. & Dr. Wallis, for Mr. Wood's having the use of the Records in the School Tower, & such as belonged to heads signed by the respective Heads of each House. This was in 1664, as I remember.

40 **Jan. 9** The House my Father George Hearne lived in in 1715 (and some years before and after) and 'twas there he died, was (and is now) called *Wiggins* and *Rush Innings*, and he paid Rent for it.

Jan. 9 [173]. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 108). 'I am glad, you have heard from Lord Oxford, who writes so many letters, & has always so much company that his Punctuality is more remarkable. He was here yesterday at the visitation of King's College, where very unexpectedly all went in favor of the College against the Appellant.' [See Diary, Jan. 15, 16.]

Jan. 10 (Mon.). St. Marie's Chancell in Oxford was rebuilt by Walter Lyhert B^p of Norwich (who was also Provost of Oriel Coll.) anno 1462. See Vol. 132, p. 20.

Rich^d Fitzjames, sometime Warden of Merton Coll. & consecrated B^p of London about the year 1503, adorned the Church of St. Marie's Oxon. 'Tis to him the fine spire is owing and the Pinnacles &c. See *ibid.* p. 20.

Jan. 11 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Owen of All Souls told me, that their Durandus (what I also remember) hath no Signatures.

He also told me, that he some time since saw in Wales at Mr. Rich^d Mostyn's of Penbedw a copy of Durandus, printed, as he remembers by 10 Fust, but he forgets whether it were Vellum or Paper, and whether there were any date to it.

Last Sunday in the Afternoon preached at St. Marie's Mr. Henry Newcome, formerly fellow of Brazenose Coll., now Rector of Didcot in Berks. & Master of the Grammar Schole at Ewelme, where, viz. at Ewelme, he lives but never taught so much as one boy since he hath had the School, which hath been many years, ever since the Death of Mr. Howel, who was a good man and diligent in the School, which much flourished, and he did a great deal of good there, and was much beloved & much lamented at his Death. The Sermon Mr. Newcome preached at St. Marie's before the University 20 was the very same, some small matters being altered, that Jonathan Colley of X^t Church had preached likewise before the University last New Year's Day on the day of the Circumcision, w^{ch} was much taken notice of and talked of, and as they were just as it were the same upon the Subject of the Circumcision, so they were equally short, hardly a quarter of an hour long. There were not above 10 or a douzen Masters to hear Mr. Newcome, but a pretty many children (30 or 40 boys) got into the Masters seats, what is unusual.

[I hear since Mr. Newcome had lent a MSt vol. of sermons written by Mr. Newcome's Father (who was an ingenious man, but is dead) to 30 Mr. Colley, and that Mr. Colley copied the Sermon.]

Yesterday meeting Mr. Tredwell of Cairfax in X^t Church walk, I told

Jan. 10, 1731¹. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 64). 'I do not take your Ivory Chalice to be so old as perhaps some may.' Gives an account of Dr. Butler [*see* Diary, Dec. 16, 1731]. 'I never saw the piece you speak of in your Letter of Dec. 9 last, but I met with the Grubstreet put under my door. Grubstreet does me justice, and it vexes them. They (particularly B.) are scouted as scoundrels by men, women and children, and seem chagrin that they ever concerned themselves. But I have far better business to mind than to trouble myself about these affairs. Your present of Pastor Fido to Mr. Crynes I left for him. I afterwards saw him & . . . he insinuated that he had it before of a better edition. Upon which I said, if he did not like it, I should be thankful to you, if I had it.'

Jan. 11, 1731¹. Thomas Bowdler to H. (Rawl. 28. 26). B. having had a letter from Capt. Orme that in a fortnight he will send £30 of Mr. Walden's legacy, sends H. a receipt for £30 from the Excise Office in London, to be presented to Edward Turville, collector of the Excise in Oxford, who will pay the money.

Jan. 11, 1731¹. West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 322). 'I am heartily concerned for Dr. Tanner's loss; 'twould have been much securer to have sent them by land carriage. I hope his Boston nor Notitia were not in the Loss. The low

him he was 95 years old. He wondered how I knew, but said it was very true. He said he had walked to Bessilsleigh about 3 years agoe.

Jan. 12 (Wed.). From the *Northampton Mercury* for Mon. Dec. 27, 1731:—

London, Dec. 25, 1731. About two months since, as the Sexton of the Parish of St. Clement Danes in the County of Middlesex, was digging a deep Grave in the Upper Church-Yard belonging to the said Parish, by Accident his Spade struck against some Brick Work, which by order of the Church-Wardens was further searched, and discovered to be a spacious Vault, large
10 enough to contain 200 Corpse. When and by whom this Vault was made, is not in the Memory of Man, or the Records of the Parish; but the Parish have since thought proper to make it, more commodious for the Interment of Bodies, by ordering Steps to be made to the Entrance thereof, (the Vault being near 20 foot deep, and sound and dry) and last Wednesday night the Body of M^{rs}. Gates was interred therein, being the first time any Corpse in memory was deposited there.

Jan 13 (Thur.). From the *Northampton Mercury* for Mon. Jan. 10.

We hear that the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. Asaph [D^r. Tanner] has, by the carelessness of the watermen, sustained a great Loss of his Books
20 and Manuscripts, they having let the boxes in which they were, fall over board in the River Thames, which lay twenty Hours below Water; and there were as many of them when opened, as loaded seven waggons, among which were between 2 and 300 volumes of Manuscripts, which his Lordship hath been collecting near these forty Years. They are so much damaged, that they are obliged to take them to Pieces, and dry them on Lines; several of them are lost, and many so much damaged as to be useless. So fatal has the last year been to the History and Antiquities of our Nation.

The Rev^d. D^r. Middleton, Librarian to the University of Cambridge, is made D^r. Woodward's Philosophical Professor there, worth £150 per
30 annum.

Jan. 14 (Fri.). M^r. West hath made a pretty strict Enquiry about John Blackman, but can hear nothing of him. Lord Oxford, M^r. Anstis and M^r. Harbin never heard either of the man or book, 'till they saw M^r. West's, whence I gather, that there is no MS. of him in the Harleyan Library.

One John Bilstone, M.A. and Chaplain of All Souls College (he took the Degree of M.A., Apr. 27, 1723) having published *Memoirs* (as they are called) of the *Writer of these Matters*, it hath drawn upon him the Reflexions of all people. I have not seen them, but hear from all hands,
40 that they are so low and scandalous, that they meet among all understanding Persons with the contempt they deserve, and particularly in London, where a Paper called *The Grubstreet Journal*, hath taken notice of them, and done Justice to the Writer of these Accounts, & it hath been rightly thought to be the only proper way of chastising both the folly and Impudence of the Publisher, and indeed he is not a little affected with that and two or three Advertisements, that have been printed upon the occasion,

scandalous *Memoirs* of you, as they are called, meet among all understanding Persons here the contempt they deserve, & the Grub Street Journal hath been rightly thought the only proper way of chastising both the folly & impudence of the Publisher' [see Diary, Jan. 15].

so that tho' he be a man of most consummate impudence, yet he begins to be sensible, that this performance will not preferr him as he expected, so that he is much dejected ; nor are Dr. Robert Shippen of Brazen Noze Coll. and Mr. George Ward of Univ. Coll. a little troubled, that they should be known to have put Bilstone upon it, the matter being concerted by all those at University Coll. on Aug. 3, 1730. Others also were contrivers, such as Wise of Trinity, thinking and hoping to ruin by that means the Writer of these Matters, whose bread however Wise and Bilstone now eat at the Bodleian Library. I mention Wise, because I have had good intelligence, that he was one, as I also am well assured that Dr. Dennison ¹⁰ was another. The true original of all this is owing to what is said about *Guilielmus Faber*¹ in the Preface to *Vita Ricardi II.* 'Tis withall observable, that Dr. Jenner of Magd. Coll., our Oxford Margaret Professor of Div. was an encourager of & a subscriber to this doughty undertaking, to say nothing of some others, who ought to be ashamed.

Jan. 15 (Sat.). Mr. West tells me in his Letter of the xth inst. from the Inner Temple, that there are 150 MSS. of the Cotton and 50 of the King's Library, either burnt or damaged, but he does not tell me what particular MSS. they are, which is what I want to know.

Mr. Hen. Hall was of St. John's College, Cambridge, a very good man, ²⁰ son of a worthy Father, Rector of Castle Camps in Cambridgeshire, of w^{ch} Living he was deprived. He was Chaplain to the Duke of Ormond at Madrid, and it hath been said, that he will be succeeded as such by one Mr. Brook, a deprived Fellow of the said St. John's College, who was lately at Oxford with the Marquiss of Blanford, and much in his favor ; but being of a volatile temper, some fear he will not agree well with the Gravity of the people, he will be obliged to converse with.

Jan. 16 (Sun.). Dr. Conyers Middleton is nominated and elected Woodward Lecturer of Cambridge by the four Executors. He hath showed Mr. Baker the nomination, and their hands and seals. His *Oratio* ³⁰ *Inauguralis* will be printed.

B^p Usher *de Script. & sac. vernaculis &c.*, pag. 171, hath a long Passage from John Blackman's *Vita Henrici VI.*

They have no ancient Stones, that Mr. Baker knows of, at Cambridge, except Dr. Woodward's, which the Dr. supposeth to be as antient as the Deluge & a proof of it. Dr. Middleton must look to that. I enquired after Stones of another nature, viz. such as the Arundel Marbles at Oxford, and it seems they have none, Dr. Woodward's (an account of w^{ch} is at the end of the Auction Catalogue of his Book) having been sold.

Old Mr. Halley, the Potter of Winchmore Hill, where my Brother W^m ⁴⁰ lived, called upon me Friday night last & yesterday morning. He told

Jan. 15, 1731. William Clarke to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 220). 'These with my Humble servic to you. I should be very glad to see you at Penn House, whare I lived servant with your Brother sum years. You shall be very welcum to a good Bead & other accomadations as I can accomplish you with ; only I desier you would be so kind as to come and comfort your poor sister in her discomtilate conditon for the Loss of her Dear Husband, which wase more to her than all the World.'

¹ William Smith, historian of Univ. College.—Ed.

me William died in the 44th year of his age, & that he made a will, by ^{web} he gave fourty lib. to his Son, all the rest to his Wife, whom he made sole Executrix. I have been well assured he died in very good circumstances, tho' she buried him as if he had not left enough to give him a decent Funeral. I have been told for certain his heart was broke, and that he hath drooped & been never cheerfull since he married. And this even Halley acknowledged, at the same time however adding, that they loved one another like two Turtle-doves. William was a man of a very good character, and a zealous man for the Chevalier &c.

- ¹⁰ **Jan. 17 (Mon.).** It is a wonder to me that Mr. Wharton never saw Francis Godwin's *Catalogus sive Historia Episcoporum Bathoniensium & Wellensium* in MS. in Trinity College Library in Cambridge, especially since it is a quite different thing from his printed Book *de Presulibus Angliae*. He speaks but slightly of this printed book in his Preface to the 1st vol. of his *Anglia Sacra*, but very honourably of Arch^{bp} Parker and John Josseline, noting however *Maximam illi quidem [Historiae] injuriam fecerunt Typographi tum Londinenses tum Hanovienses. Verum editionem perfectiorem, manuscriptoris Authoris addilamentis auctam, brevi exituram fore speramus.* Ask Mr. Baker from whom it was, that such an Edition
²⁰ was expected, & whether any notice of it be taken in the late Edition, which I never yet saw.

Jan. 18 (Tu.). Mr. Wharton in his Pref. to vol. I, p. xxiv, *Angl. Sacra* observes, that in his opinion the very best MS. of Marianus Scotus is that in Lambeth Library, from ^{web} he extracted *Historia Abendonensis*. He likewise there notes, that *Robertus Herefordensis episcopus* epitomized Marianus, & that this Epitome or Defloration is what was published as Marianus Scotus beyond sea at Basil 1559, and afterwards involved in the *Collectio Historicorum Germanicorum*. He said *Robertus Herefordensis* died *anno 1095*.

- ³⁰ **Jan. 19 (Wed.).** On Mond. last, being the 17th inst., Mr. Foxley M.A. and Fellow of Brazen Nose College, Senior Proctor of the University of Oxford, was elected Moral Philosophy Lecturer of the University. The Election should have been the week before, viz. on Monday Jan. 10, but 'twas deferred. The Electors are the Vice-Chancellour for the time being, the two Proctors for the time being, the Dean of X^t Church and the President of St. John's. If the Dean of X^t Church happens to be V. Chanc. he hath two Votes, but now he had but one, and even now did not give it, being obliged to be absent, as he hath been for his health out of Town for some time, so it was carried for Foxley with Ease against
⁴⁰ Mr. Battely the Junior Proctor of X^t Church, the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Butler (contrary to what had been given out he would do) striking in zealously with the President of St. John's against Battely, what I always thought Butler would do, I well knowing him to be a man not to be depended upon; and tho' it was said, there was a quarrell between Dr. Shippen & Dr. Butler, yet I always said 'twas only a pretended one, and that this Election would shew it. Dr. Shippen (who is principal of Braz Nose) being Foxley's Friend, feigned indeed an Enmity with the V. Chanc., but 'twas not real, & was rather of service to Foxley than otherwise, by fixing

the President of St. John's firm for Foxley, who perhaps otherwise might have been for Battely, Dr. Shippen being not much beloved at St. John's or indeed in many other places, being commonly called Ferguson, from Ferguson the Scottish Tricker. As for Battely, 'tis true he is the Junior Proctor, but he is much superior to the other in learning, & is an excellent Tutor (hardly one better) & a very sober diligent man, & nephew of Dr. John Battely, Dr. Nicholas Battely & Mr. Charles Battely, all three great & worthy men (now deceased) and excellent Antiquaries.

Jan. 20 (Thur.). Remember to ask Mr. Baker, about Mr. Thomas Bowsfield, Bach. of Arts of Pembr. Hall in Cambridge, & incorporated in that Degree at Oxon. on May 23, 1577, in ¹⁰ *wh* year he also proceeded M.A. at Oxford, & afterwards in 1581 he became principal of Edm. Hall, where he did much good. In some notes of Miles Windesore [see Vol. 132, p. 40] he is thus stiled Mr. *Bustfeild literarum fautor et suo praeconio dignus, viz. Aulæ S. Edm. princip. ; qui ab ipsis fundamentis aulam suam renovavit.* He is to be understood of the buildings on the North side of the Quadrangle from the Kitchin to the present Chappell.

Jan. 21 (Fri.). Mr. Ballard of Campden hath a very fine Collection of Coins, found at Cirencester, of ²⁰ *wh* he hath sent me a List according to the order of time, and perhaps they are of more sorts than ever were found at any one place in Britain, Aulcester excepted. One of them is Clod. Albinus in large Brass ; 'tis a beautiful (as well as valuable) Coin ; it was found 9 foot deep under ground at the bottom of a Brick foundation. Among them is likewise an Allectus in middle size Copper ; 'tis admirably fair, and of so beautifull an impression, that it surpasses all the Coins (Mr. Ballard hath seen) of the lower Empire. Also among them are Fl. Helena, & Max. Theodora both in small brass & extremely fair. And one of Delmatius in small Copper. Also Magnentius and Decentius both in middle copper, and Jul. Helena (daughter of Constantine the Great) in small Copper. 30

Jan. 22 (Sat.). On Thursday last, being the 20th inst., Mr. Walter Beauchamp and Mrs. Coles (Daughter of the late Mr. Coles, a Glazier in Oxford) were married in Merton College Church or Chappell. They are both of St. Peter's Parish in the East. The said Walter Beauchamp is the Person, that not long ago shewed me the Charter (he having borrowed it) of Kirtleton, by ^{wh} Kirtleton is exempt from paying toll in passing through Towns, ^{wh} he concerned himself about as he is Toll-Gatherer of Oxford.

Dr. Bentley hath published Milton's Paradise Lost with Critical Remarks, by ^{wh} he hath exposed himself, & he is sufficiently scouted for ⁴⁰ it, ^{wh} however he does not seem to regard.

This morning died (aetat. 56) Mr. Benjamin Colinge, Bach. of Civ. Law, Fellow of New College and Superior Beadle of Divinity of the University of Oxford, an ill-natured proud man, and of no manner of Learning. He died at his Lodgings in Holywell parish Oxon. and was

Jan. 20, 1731. Thomas Bowdler to H. (Rawl. 28. 27). Complains that H. has sent no acknowledgement of the letter of Jan. 11 'as is usual in these cases.'

buried on Monday night Jan. 24 in Holywell Churchyard (according to his Will).

Jan. 23 (Sun.). Mr. Wharton designed an History of our B^{ps} after the Reformation. See Pref. ad Angl. Sac. I, p. xxix.

Edmund de Hadenham was author of the *Chronicon Roffense*, at least of the Additions to it, as was noted by Mr. Lambard. See Wharton *ib.* p. xxxi.

Mr. Wharton *ib.* p. xxxiv calls the Chronicle of Litchfeild *Chronicon insigne*, adding *quod amicus quidam possidet*. I take this Friend of his to have been Mr. Ab. Seller, who gave it afterwards to the Bodl. Library.

There was formerly at the entrance of the South door of the Cathedral Church of Litchfeild two wooden tables on the wall, on w^{ch} was inserted (*insculpta*) a short History of the B^{ps} of the Church of Mercia and of the Kings of the Saxon Heptarchy & of England till the year 1320. This was, as I take it, a great curiosity, such a one as indeed I do not remember to have ever yet seen, but 'twas destroyed by the Rebels or Puritans in K. Charles 1st's time. Yet 'tis happy, that W^m Whitlock brought it all into his History of Litchfield: *ib.* p. xxxv.

Jan. 24 (Mon.). In the Cotton Library (Faustina A. 5) is the
20 History of the Church and B^{ps} of Durham, written by *Turgotus Prior Elyensis*, without any of the Interpolations of Simeon Dunelmensis. This MS. was made use of by Mr. Wharton. See his Pref. ad Angl. Sac. I, p. xlvii.

Mr. Wharton in the said 1st vol. of the A. S. hath published many things about the Church of Durham, and I believe took what he thought proper even from that part of Simeon Dunelmensis, that my friend Mr. Thomas Bedford is about publishing.

Jan. 25 (Tu.). I hear Mr. Mattaire's Edition of *Marmora Oxoniensia* is at last published, and that he hath printed only 300 copies, all which
30 are not subscribed for.

Among Miles Windsore's Papers at Corpus X^{ti} Coll. is a Copy of Henry VI will about Eaton & King's College. I never saw it, neither have I a transcript, but I suppose it may be printed in Rymer. At least I think in Stowe's Annals it is at full in English. See vol. 132, p. 49, of these Memoirs.

About a Quarter of a Year since died Mr. Edward Gardiner of London, who was formerly of Edmund Hall, being Servitour at that time to Dr. Mill, Principal of that Hall. I have made mention of him above two years since in these Memoirs. He was an honest, poor, harmless man,
40 was a Clergyman and meant well, but he was but of mean abilities, having indeed a good memory, but no judgment. His face much resembled Tom Coryate's, insomuch that some used at Edmund Hall to call him Tom Coryat.

Jan. 23, 1731. H. to Thomas Bowdler (Rawl. 110. 72). Thanks for the letters of Jan. 11 and Jan. 20 and the Bill of Excise for £30. Did not write before because Mr. Turville was not in Oxford.

Jan. 26 (Wed.). Mr. Colinge's Sister was in Oxford, when he died, but he made his niece, now in London, his sole Executrix, and by his will he ordered that no one should follow his Corpse, but the Vice-Chancellor & the Warden of New College, that each of them should have twenty shillings apiece, that the Minister should have ten shills., the six holders up of the Pall ten shills. each, and the six bearers five shills. apiece, & that there should be neither rings, scarffs, hatbands or gloves, w^{ch} was accordingly done.

This morning at nine clock was a Convocation, in w^{ch} Mr. Walter Powell, inferior Beadle of Div. was chosen superior Beadle of that Faculty ¹⁰ in room of Mr. Colinge deceased. Mr. Beaver of Corpus made some struggle at first, but he desisted, being able to make nothing of it, tho' a senior master of Arts, & Mr. Powell of no degree at all. Mr. Powell is a good natured man, & a good Singer, being Clarke of Magd. Coll. & singing man of St. John's.

Jan. 27 (Thur.). This morning was a Convocation at nine Clock, when Mr. Pottle, inferior Beadle of Civil Law, was chosen unanimously inferior Beadle of Divinity in room of Mr. Walter Powell abovementioned.

Jan. 28 (Fri.). From the *Northampton Mercury* for Mond.
Jan. 24 :—

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We hear, that most of the valuable Collection of Manuscripts, belonging to Dr. Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph, were on their Removal from Norwich to Christ-Church in Oxford, (of which he is also Canon) very much damaged by Water and that they formerly belonged to that great and truly primitive Prelate, Archbishop Sancroft, by whose nephew they were sold, after his Death, to the late Mr. Bateman, a Bookseller, from whom they were purchased by the present Owner; and that they were very great Curiosities which have suffered so much.

About a month since died at his Seat at Aldenham near Bridgnorth in the County of Salop, Sir Whitmore Acton, Bart. of an ancient Family in that ³⁰ County, being lineally descended from John de Acton, High Sheriff for the County of Salop 33 Ed. I. He is succeeded in Dignity and Estate by his only Son Sir Richard Acton, Bart. a young Gentleman about twenty years of Age, of promising Parts and Accomplishments.

When I first came to Oxford, I found the said Sir Whitmore Acton Gentleman Commoner of Edm. Hall, he being then only Esq. He was a tall, handsome young man, and wore his own long hair. The daughter of Alderman Eustace of Oxford was a great companion of his, tho' she was married at the same time to a Gentleman Commoner (Mr. Gore) of ⁴⁰ Merton College, and he used to entertain her in Edm. Hall, & to spend nights with her, and often walked out with her. She was a handsome young woman, & her husband dying, she married another, a man of mean circumstances, & she grew very contemptible, and about two years since she was in Oxford a meer beggar, & had hardly Rags to cover her. Her Father the Alderman shot himself many years ago.

This Morning at eight a clock was a Convocation for electing an inferior Beadle in Law, in room of Mr. Pottle, who was yesterday elected

inferior Beadle of Divinity. The two Candidates were Mr. Samuel Parker, clerk of Magdalen College (eldest son of the late Mr. Samuel Parker, and Grandson of Dr. Samuel Parker formerly Bp of Oxford) and one Mr. Waring a Gloucestershire man, and a Practitioner of Musick in Oxford. Mr. Parker had 137 votes, and Mr. Waring 72. As for Parker, he is by Trade a Leather-Gilder, having served his time in London, but being very soft & of little understanding, he was never able to be master of his Trade, whereupon his Father by fawning, cringing and flattery, scraping Interest with Dr. Butler, President of Magdalen College & our
 10 present Vice-Chancellour, got him to be made Clerk of that College, w^{ch} was conferred upon him much about the time that he (the Father) died, or at least a little after, and persuaded (as I hear) this his Son to take the Oaths, at the same time that a younger Son, Mr. Richard Parker, Scholar of Lincoln College, declined them.

Jan. 29 (Sat.). Mr. Whistler was elected inferior Beadle of Arts, in James Newlin's room, March 28, 1716; see Vol. 57, p. 85. Mr. Powell elected inferior Beadle of Div. in Sherwin's room Apr. 16, 1718; and Mr. Pottle was elected inferior Beadle of Law in Mr. Rawlins's Room, May 17, 1718; see Vol. 66.

20 As for the Election yesterday, had it not been precipitated, but been deferred till Tuesday, as it was first given out it would be, 'tis not doubted but Waring would have carried it; which being understood by the Vice-Chanc. &c., he made all the hast possible, and on Thursday being apprehensive of the danger, he, as did also Dr. Shippen, sent to M^{rs}. Parker, and the V. Chanc. himself went to her and told her, that there would be a strong opposition, tho' if she would put up either of her other Sons it would be carried for him without any struggle, but the young Masters were so much against the eldest son by reason of his softness, that he feared he would loose it; however finding M^{rs}. Parker insisted upon
 30 this Son, the V. Chanc. & others agreeing in the thing hastened the Election.

Jan. 30 (Sun.). Ask Mr. Baker, whether he knows any thing of *Girardus Cornubiensis*, an author who collected many historical Things about the Saxon Affairs & compiled a work on that Subject. His book, a short thing, *de Guidone Warwicensi* is in MS. in Magdalen College library, Oxford, and 'tis quoted & made use of by Sir W^m Dugdale in his Antiquities of Warwickshire, but he does not tell us the Volume, w^{ch} is 147 that contains Polychronicon, & divers other historical Matters, among w^{ch} this is to be reckoned about Guy of Warwick. Bale tells us,
 40 pag. 252, that *Gyraldus Cambrensis* wrote *de Guidone Warwicensi* lib. I, & so does Pits the same, confounding both, it may be, together, tho' they seem to me to be quite different persons, & I believe *Cornubiensis* was later than *Cambrensis*.

Jan. 31 (Mon.). On Friday night last one Mr. Cook, a barber at the Turl Gate in Oxford, hanged himself, having attempted it once or twice

Jan. 31, 1731. Ric. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 155) [see Diary, Feb. 13, 15]. 'Tho' your enemies have thought fit to publish your letter, yet I

before. He was second Butler of Trinity College and was looked upon as a very fair honest man. It is observed, he had been melancholy for some time. He was a married man, his wife, a woman of a good character, being in the house with him. He was in very good circumstances, worth near a thousand libs. He had only one child, a daughter about eighteen years of age. He was buried last night at St. Thomas's in the west suburbs of Oxford.

Sir W^m Dugdale, in his History of St. Paul's Cathedral, p. 17, ed. 2nd, mentions an exact measure, that was taken of St. Paul's Cathedral anno 1315, the particulars of w^{ch} he gives *ex cod. MS. in bibl. publica Acad. Cantab.*, but does not note the number of the MS. I wish I could have the words. [I have got them since, but Sir W^m mistakes the Library; see Vol. 135, Mar. 10.]

Feb. 1 (Tu.). Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. hath got a MS., a thin one in fol., w^{ch} he hath lent me, and I have read over, intit. *Notes of the orders, proceedings, punishments and privileges of the lower house of Parliament*. The Author was a member of Parliament, as appears from Chapter 6, where he mentions a Speech he made in it, and stiles himself W.L. It is a pretty Tract, but I do not know but it hath been printed, at least I believe since his time (for 'twas written in the Reign of Queen Eliz.) better things of the same nature have been done, and it may be what is material in this hath been involved in them. *Sed quaere.*

Feb. 2 (Wed.). The old Spire of All hallows Church in Oxford fell down on March 8th, being Friday, in the year 1699, & beat some of the Church down. It was after dinner, & did no hurt, only one stone hurt a Woman's Leg at a small distance from it. It was an handsome plain Spire, about 50 yards or 52 yards high, much such a one as that of Shottesbrooke in Berks., and 'twas then reported, that that and the Church were built two years before the Conquest. Since, the whole Church hath been rebuilt & a new Spire made, the whole Work costing about five thousand pounds, six hundred libs. of w^{ch} were given by the late B^p of Durham, Dr. Crew. The University were great contributors.

don't find it meets with the encouragement they expected. . . . It is hoped you'll neglect it as it deserves. . . . Before this juvenile treatise of yours I find they have placed a pourtrait with your name under, copied, as I take it, from that surreptitious, taken in your company by one of Mr. John Bridges agents, and engraved by Vertue, who did another for Mr. Whiteside &c, which hearing from Mr. Gyles, after that person's death, and least it should come to a stall, I purchased at six guineas expence, nor permitted Vertue a single print, but what he may have taken before, and this I have kept sealed up from that day, nor did I ever think proper to discover this secret, tho' I fear Mr. Whiteside &c. designed to make your face their property. Pray remember me a Lenten Bachelours Scheme, to be sent with other things, as you have occasion.'

Feb. 1, 172 $\frac{1}{2}$. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 65 and 67). Sends the Oxford news contained in the Diary Jan. 26, 27, 28. Would like information about John Blakman. 'We are just finishing Hemingford.'

Feb. 1, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 172) [see Diary, Feb. 3, 4].
Undated, prob. Feb. 173 $\frac{3}{4}$. E. Lye to H. (Rawl. 7. 200) [see Diary, Feb. 25].

From the *Northampton Mercury*, Mond. Jan. 31, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$:

On Sunday Jan. the 23rd last the Rev. Dr. Tanner was consecrated B^p of St. Asaph, and Dr. Clagget, Bishop of St. David's, at Lambeth, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, assisted by the Bishops of London, Ely, Lincoln and Rochester; Dr. Samuel Knight, Prebendary of Ely, preached the Sermon from *Luke* xvi. 10, from which he shewed, that the Clergy's diligent Discharge of their Duty was the most effectual Method of stopping the present Progress of Vice and Infidelity.

Feb. 3 (Thur.). The B^p of St. Asaph, Dr. Tanner, can give no
10 farther light into Blackman's Life and Miracles of H. VI than that he remembers formerly to have perused half a score MSS. sheets of an account of The Life and Miracles of that Prince, which probably might be the same.

Mr. Casley hath lately published Proposals for printing a compleat and pompous Catalogue of the MSS. in the King's Library, with an account of the Loss lately sustained there & in the Cotton in particular by Fire; so that till the Book comes out, we must not expect what particular books are wanting, Mr. Casley proposing a Gain by keeping it secret till then.

Feb. 4 (Fri.). Mr. West saw on the 21st inst. two great Curiosities,
20 in regard to the Coins of our nation (a Subject that just now takes up much of some of our Antiquaries time and Consideration). They are a Quadruple Rose Noble, weighing near an ounce of Gold of H. VI, & a Coin about the size of H. VII Groat in silver, having on one side the Armes of England & Crowned with the French Motto of *Domine salvum fac Regem*, & on the Reverse a Lion & Fleur de Lis. Over them a Crown, under them a Lion, *Mane Tekel phares* 1494. This my Lord Pembroke says is of Perkin Warbeck. I know not what to say, tho' perhaps the
30 Motto on the Reverse, & the year being that wherein the Dutchess of Burgundy fitted him out, may in some measure justifie the Conjecture.

Feb. 5 (Sat.). Jan. 30 falling upon a Sunday this year, the commemoration of K. Charles 1st's Martyrdom was kept the day following, when Dr. Felton, Principal of Edm. Hall, preached before the University at St. Marie's, and I am told made such a Sermon, as many have said they will never go to hear him again.

To my enquiry concerning Mr. Tho. Bowsfield (formerly Principal of Edmund Hall) Mr. Baker can only say, that Tho. Bousfield, Aul. Pembr., takes his Degree of Bac. of Arts anno 1574, the same year with Lanc. Andrewes, & Tho. Dove, w^{ch} might be one reason of his leaving the
40 College, since he could have no great expectation of being preferred there, whilst two such men (afterwards B^{pps}) were to be provided for. But a more probable reason was, that the Plague was that year at Cambridge.

On Sunday Jan. 23rd last died M^{rs}. Elizabeth Wise, wife of Mr. Wise of Drayton near Dorchester in com. Oxon. He is Brother to Alderman

Feb. 5, 1731. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 247). The Hon. Mr. Arundell desires to be a subscriber to H.'s publications.

Wise of Oxford. Her maiden name Basset, her Father being Mr. Rich^d Basset of Wooley Green near Maidenhead com. Berk., who died a few years since, aged above an hundred. She went to School to my Father, being a big Girl when I was a little Boy. There were two sisters, Mr^s. Sarah Basset & herself, she the younger. She was wild and freakish.

Feb. 6 (Sun.). Mr. Tyrrell in his Preface to the 11th Vol. of his History commends Benedictus Abbas, as a judicious Writer and of great account.

In the same place he likewise commends Walter Coventry's Continuation of the History of Roger Hoveden, as containing many things not to be met with elsewhere. I have a Transcript of this Continuation from L^d Oxford's MS. & I intend to print it.

Mr. Wharton, Mr. Baker presumes, must have seen Godwin's Catalogue of the B^ps of Bath and Wells at Trin. Coll., Camb., but looked upon it as an imperfect thing, being wrote whilst he was young, anno 1595, then Canon of Wells.

Feb. 7 (Mon.). Mr. Baker hath seen the *Antiq. Brit.* referred to by Mr. Wharton in his Pref. to Vol. I of *Anglia Sacra*. It was first Archb^p Sancroft's, then Mr. Wharton's, and now Lord Sunderland's. It is a very valuable Book (cost that Lord 50 Guineas) with some original Charts²⁰ and MSS. inserted, and large additions, chiefly concerning Archb^p Parker, by his Son Sir John Parker, whose Book it had been. There is very little in Mr. Wharton's hand, nor can it appear from thence that a new Edition was in any forwardness. Dr. Drake had seen it, but has made little use of it; only has printed Augustin's Life from thence in the Appendix, in a different order & manner from the rest of the Book. There were only 50 Copies of the first Edition printed, whereof 22 yet remain in public Libraries or private hands. Not one Copy could be met with in France, when F. Courayer wrote his Book, w^{ch} made Father Hardouin suspect it to be a Forgery.

Tho' Mr. John Jones, who was of Edmund Hall, & now hath promise³⁰ of Dr. Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph's Friendship, be a native of S. Wales, yet he had a good Part of his Education in the North Part of it, and is acquainted with their Dialect, & hath studyed mostly their way of speaking, as being what the Welsh generally have in their Books, and 'tis reckoned the more pure Language. Mr. Jones employs himself in some measure daily in reading the Scripture in Welsh.

Feb. 8 (Tu.). Mr. Casley having published Proposals for a new Catalogue of the King's Library, we must not expect to know surely what MSS. were burnt or damnified, till that Catalogue comes out, the⁴⁰ Proposals for w^{ch} I have not yet seen, nor those of Mr. Parn for the History of Trin. Coll., Camb. In Mr. Casley's Proposals indeed may be seen, I am told, the number of the MSS. burnt or damnified in the Cottonian or King's Library, but the Contents of these MSS. is yet unknown.

Feb. 8, 1731. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 289). Has finished Hemingford. The copies will soon be dispersed.

Feb. 9 (Wed.). Saturday last being Mr. Loveday of Magd. College's Birth day (for he was born on Feb. 5, 1710) he then became of Age.

Yesterday meeting Mr. Denison by Cairfax, he shewed me an ancient piece of British Gold, the finest one I think I ever saw. It was found he said in some field, I forget what. He gave 12 s. for it. As I remember it hath a charriot & horse on one side, & on the other

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- 10 But I cannot trust my memory, and would therefore fain have a better account, if I could see it again. I wish I had particularly noted it. Some will make this British Gold to be a mixt metall of Gold & Silver, & to be artificial, but I think otherwise, that 'tis natural, & that the Britains dug it, tho' the mines where the ore lay have been since exhausted.

The Frontispiece in wood to Hall's Chronicle is very remarkable, Rich. III there is represented young and not with a shrivelled old face as elsewhere; and indeed he was young, being but 33 when killed.

- Feb. 10 (Thur.).** The base usage of the Grueller's Son, the late
20 Mr. Samuel Parker (for his Father Bp Parker was one of Bess Hampton's disciples and customers, who eat Water Gruel & prayed puritanically) is not in the opinion of all honest men to be justified, in imposing on Mrs. Cherry with respect to her Husband's MSS. ^{wh} are really mine.

I hear Dr. Tanner's loss, like that of the Cottonian Library, is more and greater than is acknowledged, and that the revenues of Canterbury would not make him or the world amends for the loss of part of Archbishop Sancroft's MSS., which are irreparable.

- Mr. Wharton p. xli of Pref. ad Part I Angl. Sacr. notes that far the better part of Archbp Bouchier's Register is lost. Here were in all
30 probability several things relating to printing.

Feb. 11 (Fri.). Mr. Loveday, being of age, made his Will and signed it before witnesses last night, as he told me, and hath this day sent it to his Mother (whom he makes sole Executrix) at Caversham near Reading.

I never yet saw the late Collin's Auction Catalogue, but it seems the Books, even the very Pamphletts in it, sold very well. Tho' it be but an ill digested catalogue, & names often falsely ascribed to them, yet some pains having been taken about it, it procured many Purchasers.

Feb. 10, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 66). Thanks for the present; also for Mr. George Smith's. 'I hear the Grubstreet and the sneering Advertisements vex very much, and they are terribly afraid, and wish they had never meddled or stirred. I have been told one Advertisement mentioned three persons names, and they say no body doubts of them, and that the truth thereof is every where known, tho' one of them at least is now very angry to be thought to have been a promoter. . . . The new Ed. of Clarendon now near done here will be the very worst of all. . . . One Combes a printer (who died very lately), a conceited Puritan, had the managing of it, and I hear took a particular liberty. . . . People are highly sensible, that all those MSS. in Bodley that belonged to Mr. Cherry are really mine.'

Feb. 12 (Sat.). In Mr. Whiston's Observations on Dr. Clarke's life, wrote by Hoadley and prefixed to Clarke's sermons, I hear that Gent. asserts most of the clergy to be Anti-Trinitarians, particularly Bp Smalridge and my excellent friend Mr. Baker of St. John's in Cambridge, than wch a greater Calumny could not be thrown upon Mr. Baker.

Bp Atterbury has vindicated himself from that Hackney Writer Oldmixon's charge as to the publication of Clarendon's H. story, and what is most remarkable signs *Fr. Roffen.*, a clear argument of the opinion he has of Dr. Samuel Bradford and Dr. Joseph Wilcox, who have enjoyed the Bishoprick of Rochester and Deanery of Westminster since the Bp's 10 Deprivation.

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E manuscripto, eleganter scripto, mecum communicato A. D. 1731 a Thoma Warde de Warwicke armigero, a nescio quo hunc in modum inscripto viz. Series transactionum, processuum, indenturarum, decretorum, concordatorum inter rectorem & priorem Wigornie.

Fol. 11. Indentura inter priorem Wigorn' & rectorem de Tredyngton. [Then follows, pp. 1-7, an indenture dated Thursday after the feast of the Nativity of St. Mary, 1363, between John de Evesham, prior of Worcester and Thomas de Dunclent, rector of Tredyngton, dioc. Worcester, about a chantry in the chapel of Shipton.] 20

At the same time Mr. Ward lent me an old parchment lease of the xxviiith of Hen. VIII, Jan. 4, by wch it appeareth that Edmund Alcetur was then mynister of the house of the blessid [*sic*] Trynite and Sent Radegunde the virgine of Thellisforde in the Countie of Warr'. The seal appendant, viz. St. Radegund sitting. About her S. COMMVNE DOMVS SCE. TRINITATIS DE ... ELESFORD.¹

Also Martini Delani clerici resignatio vicarie perpetuae ecclesiae parochialis beatae Mariae infra villam Warwici. Dat' Coventr' tercio die Aprilis 1587. With the seal of the Office of the Peculiar of Ichingdon.

Also a parchment indenture or lease of Wm abbot and the convent of 30 Kenilworth, of a garden or plot of ground in Pebull or Pebble Lane in Warwick, wch lane it seems was at one end of Northgate Street. Dated Mar. xxv anno xv regis Henrici. The lease is Rogero Clerk.

Returned the said things back to Mr. Ward on Mon. July 19, 1731, by Geo. Watts the Warwick carrier, car. paid. The same day I delivered Mr. West's Alex. Nevyl's Apologia ad Walliae proceres to Godfrey, to be carried to London, car. paid.

On the 4th of Dec. 1731 I recd from James West of the Inner Temple, Esq., a thin folio MS. in parchment, consisting of 26 pages, being lent me by the said Mr. West, entituled in the first page thus:—*Computus receptoris revencionis Philippe regine Anglie, consortis regis Edwardi tercii anno XXXII regni sui. Liber Petri le Neve anno domini MDCCIII.* It seems it was transcribed in a court hand (for in such a hand this transcript is) at Mr. Le Neve's expense that year. From what MS. I know not. 40

¹ Hearne gives a drawing of the seal.

I shall transcribe what follows from it. The second page is blank. The third page begins thus:—Recepta [&c. copied in full pp. 10–54 of the volume of Diary].

Feb. 13 (Sun.). L^d Inverness and his Lady have thought fit to embrace the Church of Rome in the Pope's jurisdiction at Avignon, and I hear there is lately struck at Rome a fine medal of the *duo Britanniae Lumina juniora*, which D^r. Rawlinson expects from thence.

I hear, that M^r. Carte is to publish L^d Clarendon's History of his own life as wrote, where may be found many of the characters now inserted in
10 the History of the Rebellion, and by him directed for each page. In the MS. there are many more fine characters of the learned men of his time, with most of whom he was acquainted.

Cat. MSS. p. 177 among the Duke of Norfolk's books 5546. 121. The Life of King Ric. III in Latin by Sir Thomas More, kt., Lord Chancellor, all with his own hand. To ask M^r. Anstis, whether it be exactly the same as the printed book, or whether there be any material difference.

Feb. 14 (Mon.). John Stanbridge author of *Vulgaria Stanbrigi* was only Bach. of Arts, according to M^r. Wood. He was admitted to teach
20 Grammar by the Commissary or V. Chancellor of Oxford. Quaere, whether they used to have such admissions for teaching of Grammar at Cambridge. He was Master of Magd. Coll. School, Oxon. He was buried in Magd. Coll. Chapel or yard belonging to it, as M^r. Wood thinks. Quaere?

At the beginning of his *Vulgaria*, printed by Wynkyn de Worde, is his picture in wood, sitting in a chair, in a Bach. of Arts Gown, with a hood over his shoulders, a cap on his Head (the cap like our knit bonnets, that Servitours ought to wear) and a rod in his right hand.

To enquire of M^r. Baker, whether he ever saw the dedication of the
30 Polyglott Bible to Oliver Cromwell.

Feb. 15 (Tu.). M^r. Carte is amassing vast materials for the life of the Old Duke of Ormond, for which he hath received considerable helps from the family and others; to him we owe the Edition of Thuanus now on foot, and the defence of K. Charles I from the *Irish Massacre*.

Feb. 14, 1731½. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 68). Sends an advertisement of the proposed edition of Otterbourne &c. M^r. Bagford had a strange understanding in the matter of early printing ' & 'tis pitty he had not had learning equal to his genius'.

Feb. 14, 1731½. Edm. Archer to H. (Rawl. 13. 32). Sends a guinea subscription for Otterbourne. Outside is a direction that it is to be left with M^r. Clements, bookseller, if H. is out of Oxford.

Feb. 15, 1731½. E. Burton, from the Lottery Office, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 193) [see Diary, Mar. 13]. 'I desire you to send Walter Hemingford to M^r. Peisley, & if he refuses paying the Subscription (& I don't know but he may, for my not getting him Tickets in the late Lottery, which was not in my power to do) I pray that you will send it by the Oxford Carrier, to whom I will pay the subscription money.'

Feb. 15, 1731½. Anstis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 16) [see Diary, Mar. 5]. 'The papers of this evening will acquaint you with the great losse of honest

In *Vulgaria Stanbrigi* B. ii. a. are *Vulgaria quaedam cum suis vernaculis compilata juxta consuetudinem ludi literarii divi Pauli.*

Feb. 16 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury, Mon. Feb. 14 :—

Cambridge, Feb. 5. This day was delivered to the Vice-Chancellor a *Grace* to deprive Dr. [Conyers] Middleton of the Head Librarian's Place, which the Vice-Chancellor proposed in Congregation to the CAPUT, in which it was stopt by Dr. Adams, Master of Sidney College, and Dr. Smith, Professor of Astronomy; by this means the *Grace* did not descend to the Body, where there was a good Disposition to support it. The CAPUT consists of Six, whose Concurrence is necessary to every *Grace*, before it can be read to the 10 House, each having a negative Vote.

On the Monday preceding, the said Dr. Middleton was admitted Lecturer for Dr. Woodward, upon the nomination of his Trustees, which the University is obliged to accept.

NB. I have heard the said *Grace* was occasioned by some anonymous book (in web something is said to be heterodox) against Dr. Waterland, web book they would father upon Dr. Middleton, tho' others have said that 'twas written by Dr. Francis Hare, B^p of Chichester.

Feb. 17 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury, Feb. 14 :—

London, Feb. 10. A few days since dyed at her Husband's House in Bushy 20 Park in the Parish of Hampton, the wife of Mr. Simpson, one of the Keepers of the said Park. She was aged 106 years, four months, and eight days, and enjoyed all her Senses to the last. The Queen and all the Princesses made M^{rs}. Simpson a visit last Summer, when she acquainted her Majesty that she was born at Cardigan in the year 1625, and was registered in the Books of the old Church, which was burnt down.

Feb. 18 (Fri.). The foresaid Northampton Mercury mentions to be dead very lately, aged near 90, her Grace the Dutchess of Monmouth and Bucclugh, Countess of Dalkeith, Baroness Scott of Bucclugh and Baroness of Eskdale. She was the Relict of James, Duke of Monmouth, natural 30 son of King Charles II, beheaded on Tower Hill July the 15th, 1685, and Daughter of the Earl of Bucclugh. Her Grace had Issue, by the Duke her first Husband, two Sons that survived him, viz. James, the late Earl of Dalkeith, Father of the present Earl, and Henry, late Earl of Deloraine. Her Grace married in 1688 to her second Husband, Charles Lord

Mr. Bromley your Member, who dyed a martyr in your service, going ill out of the house last Wednesday after that warm debate. Sir Thomas Dyke, lately of Christ Church, designs to offer his services to the University, and his character is such that He will meet with your Vote and Assistance.'

Feb. 18, 1731½. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 227). 'This after a long silence is to return you thanks for the favour of yours. The death of the best of wives was the occasion of this neglect. She was the Daughter of the late Hugh Clifford, Baron of Chudley. She had all the perfections desirable in a wife and all the virtues suitable to a good Christian. She was snatched from me in the height of youth and comeliness by the most dangerous sort of small pox and an untimely birth, being gon six months with child. I prevailed with the Parson of Pancras to have a burying place for her in the same spot where Mr. Ab: Woodhead layd buried, where I bought a small spot of ground to make a little vault. This I did chiefly in respect to good Mr. Woodhead

Cornwallis, and had Issue a Son and two Daughters. By her Death a very considerable Estate falls to the Earl of Dalkeith, her Grandson, as also the Title of Duke of Buccleugh. She has left several considerable Legacies to distant Relations and a sufficient Provision for all her Servants that have lived with her any Time, and a year's wages, with an entire Suit of Mourning, to all the rest of her Servants.

Feb. 19 (Sat.). Mr. George Smith, who published his Father's Bede, and hath done some other things, I think, but without his name to them, was formerly of Queen's Coll., Oxon., where he was directed by Mr. Edw. Thwaites, and afterwards of St. John's, Cambridge. He is an honest, worthy, learned man, and a Non-juror.

Dr. Newland of Magdalen College, Oxon. is elected Geometry Gresham Professor, to which, I think, his being a Citizen's Son gave him some title preferable to others, *ceteris paribus*. 'Tis a gentile [*sic*] Sinecure, and no wonder a learned man did not get it, the Citizens of London being friends to little else but trade.

Feb. 20 (Sun.). It is said Cambridge will erect somewhat to Dr. Woodward's memory, tho' we cant tell how they'll allow a Lambeth Degree (tho' Dr. Woodward was also Dr. of Cambridge, as I have been told, as well as Lambeth) which not long since, as well as we at Oxford, they so strenuously opposed. Dr. Woodward, we hear, has left an History of the Royal Society in MS. of which my friend Dr. Rawlinson is promised at least a sight.

Hemingford sometimes follows the Computation of the Church of England, sometimes (and that oftener) not.

Feb. 21 (Mon.). There are such Divisions in Trinity College in Cam-

that I might have an opportunity to erect a better monument to his memory, as also to see whether his body remained fresh and entire as it was strongly reported to have been by several grave persons, but it was not so when the grave was opened about the latter end of July 1731. After digging four or five foot appeared a small brick arch just sufficient to encompass a Coffin which being opened nothing appeared but the bones lying in their natural situation, the coffin and flesh being murl¹ away. His bones and earth adjoining was taken up with all the care imaginable and secured under key in the Church till a new Coffin was brought in which the bones and earth were deposited and put into the new vault when my excellent good wife was buried. The monument is ready, but I have not yet fixt upon an inscription or epitaph. I have here sent you a specimen of two, of which I desire your judgement, and if you'll be so obliging as add another such as you think proper for so good a man, you will very much add to the kindnesses I have received from you. . . . I have taken care that not one reflecting word upon the Church of England should be put in Mr. Woodhead's Epitaph, for as he was an enemy to all violence and harshness in controversial discourses and none was ever more mild than he in writings of this nature, so nothing that can offend ought to be put in his Epitaph.'

Feb. 20, 173½. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 42). Asks that his copy of Hemingford, now printed off, may be sent to Mr. William Bedford. Will subscribe for H.'s next book. Knows nothing of Girardus Cornubiensis.

¹ Mouldered. *N. E. D.*

bridge, that they are watching and observing one another, and ready to take any advantage against one another.

The Answer of the Abbat of Bangor &c. in relation to the Britains tho' printed by Spelman, Mr. Smith, & Dr. Drake in the Antiq. Brit. is (as I sometime since observed to Mr. Baker) very suspicious, & so esteemed by those of the Church of Rome.

Feb. 22 (Tu.). Tho' Mr. John Andrews, Fellow of Magd., who is now Bach. of Div., was elected keeper of the Ashmolean Museum on Wed. April 14 last, and put in possession of his Place by the V.-Chancellor on Saturday following, being April 17, yet Mr. George Hudsford, now Presi- 10
dent of Trin. College, having got three of the Hands of the Electors (there being but six in all) Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brazen nose, who was one of those three, the B^p of Bristol (Dr. Bradshaw) and the Professor of Physick (Dr. Woodford), being the other two, was all along so restless, that he did all that possible [*sic*] he could to get Andrews out, and accordingly he (by a most roguish Trick) prevailed with Mr. Battely of Xt Church & with Mr. Foxley the two Proctors at present, to put their hands to Hudsford's Paper, who by this means had now five Votes, tho' certainly in equity the present Proctors' votes in this Case ought not to be regarded in opposition to those of the former Proctors, when the 20
Election was made. This matter so frightened Andrews and indeed the Vice-Chancellor himself, Dr. Butler, did not stick by him (being, without doubt, of Dr. Shippen's mind, whatever outside is put upon it) that on Monday the 14th of this instant Feb. he went to the President of Trin. Coll. with Dr. Shippen, then Pro-Vice-Chanc. (the Vice-Chanc. himself being absent at London, tho' without dispute he had as a blind left this to Shippen's management) and surrendered the Keys to him, & on Saturday last, being the 19th inst. the President paid Andrews fifty pounds on that account, a plain argument that he allowed Andrews to be the rightfull 30
keeper, tho' the Invalidity of his Election had been questioned, as having but three votes, it being pretended that the V.-Chanc. hath no power of calling a meeting, nor of doing more on the occasion than either of the other Electors. This is an astonishing affair that the University rings of & 'tis supposed 'twill be of very pernicious Consequence. For tho' Andrews be not qualified with respect to Skill, yet as he was elected, he was so far the statutable keeper, and the V.-Chanc. should have stood by him, and not have so tamely agreed with Shippen (commonly called Ferguson) to bring in an Head of an House. But fifty libs. a year being, since Mr. Whiteside's Death, settled upon the Keeper, be he where he will, 'tis designed to be a perfect Sine-Cure, & nothing is to be done by 40
the Keeper for the honour of Learning, unless he have a strange inclination to Learning, & will follow it himself of his own natural Genius. As for Dr. Shippen, as he is a strange lover of Women, he used, & does still use, to go often to Huddesford's wife, a very pretty Woman, and 'tis on that account partly that he was so zealous for Hudsford, who is a man reputed to be tinged with ill principles both in Religion as well as Policy, being known to be a Whig, & they say one of the Promoters of those vile opinions, that are propagated in Trin. Coll. for w^{ch} one Stephens was lately expelled there.

Feb. 23 (Ash Wed.). On Monday night last about 8 Clock died Mr. John King, of St. Peters in the East, Oxford, in the 82 year of his age. He was formerly Mancipal of Queen's College, Oxford, but was outed for cheating the College; and by his fawning, cringing, flattery and whining he kept a fair correspondence with that College to his dying day, and received very great favours from them both in Treats (for he was a noted Eater and Drinker) and otherwise. He was wholly given to the World, being busy in heaping up Pelf (and that by odd ways) & was a most noted fornicator, tho' he had had two Wives, who have been both dead many
 10 years. By his first wife he hath left two children viz. (1) Mr. John King, who was of Queen's College, as a member of which he took the Degree of M.A., May 9, 1704; after which he became a Minister in the Isle of Wight, & a few years since printed a Sermon (such a one as it is) preached by him in that Isle. He is now Minister of Great Bedwin in Wilts. He is a married man and hath children, (2) Mrs. Jane King, who when very young was courted by Mr. John Worsley, Bach. of Arts of Edm. Hall, but another of the same Hall (then only an Undergraduate Commoner) being his Rival, she complied so far as to marry this Rival, and thereupon Mr. Worsley, a Gentleman of a good Family, was so much dissatisfied
 20 that he left Oxford, without taking a Master's Degree, and retiring into his native country, he lived there, being in orders (and I suppose he may be living still) & never came more to Oxford. The name of the Rival is Mr. Walter Garrett, a lusty man, whereas Mr. Worsley was but small. Mr. Garrett was first of Univ. Coll., being a Commoner & pupil to Dr. John Hudson. From thence he came to Edm. Hall, & took both Degrees in Arts, that of Master on Jan. 22, 1704. He is now a Minister, and being Chanter of the Cathedral Church of Winchester, he lives there with his wife, by whom he hath had several children. His Father, of both
 30 his names, was likewise a Clergyman, & wrote & printed several little things upon the Apocalypse or Revelation of St. John.

Feb. 24 (Thur.). On Wed. Feb. 9 last was a warm debate in the Parliament House (I think about a standing Army) where the Rt. Hon. Wm Bromley Esq., one of our Burgesses for the University of Oxford, was present, but went ill out of the House, and dyed two or three days after, which is a great loss, he being an honest man, and he is reckoned to have dyed a martyr in the Service of our University. His seat was Baginton near Coventre, in the County of Warwick. As he was Member of Parliament for the University of Oxford in the present Parliament, so he was in the four last Parliaments. He was Privy Counsellor to Queen Anne,
 40 Secretary of State, and Speaker of the House of Commons in 1710. There is some short account of him in col. 1063 of the second or spurious edition of Athenae Oxon. by which it appears that he was about 67 years of age, but I have heard his Son Mr. Francis Bromley (lately Student of

Feb. 23, 1731. Thomas Allen to H. (Rawl. 37. 81). Has failed to obtain information of Abraham Woodhead.

Feb. 24, 1731. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 16. 137). Sends the Chronicle of the Abbot of Peterborough and the Annals of Dunstaple by the hands of Mr. Hay.

X^t Church) say that he was three years older than he is represented by Mr. Wood.

Feb. 25 (Fri.). This is Bissextile or Leap Year, and St. Matthias therefore (which happens on other years the 24th of Feb.) is this year to be observed on the 25th of Feb. and so 'twas rightly mentioned in the Oxford Almanack for 1718, which was also Bissextile or Leap year, but in the Oxford Almanack this year (the very worst that ever was done) in which Trinity College is represented, 'tis made to be the 24th instead of the 25th, and accordingly St. Matthias was kept as yesterday by the University, contrary to other Places, and contrary to what is noted in 10 other Almanacks.

Yesterday was buried Mr. John King, close under the wall of St. Peter's Church in the East. He was buried in the Church Yard, near the Chancell, by his first wife, to whom there is a monument erected on the Outside of the Church.

Feb. 26 (Sat.). Mr. Baker (and so do I) very much suspects Dr. Gale's Copy of Hemingsford was only one of those at Trin. Coll. in Cambr., where the Dr. was Fellow, and could easily borrow it. He had the free use of their MSS. and has left Notes upon some of them.

There are several Chronicles of Normandy printed or MSS. one of 20 them *finissant en 1213. par Gilles Gassion, contemporain du Roy Philippe August*; another *jusqu'en 1220, écrite par Berry, Herault d'Armes du Roy Charles VII.* There is also the ordinary Chronicle, but this is scarce (as the others are) and rarely to be met with except in Libraries.

Feb. 27 (Sun.). Yesterday in a Convocation at 9 Clock in the Morning, was unanimously elected Member of Parliament for the University of Oxford, the L^d Cornbury, lately a Nobleman of X^t Church. He was but just 21 years of age the 26 of Nov. last. He is just returned from his Travells.

Feb. 28 (Mon.). On the 19th of this inst. being Saturday one Smith, 30 a Commoner of Queen's Coll., was admitted Fellow of All Souls Coll. There was but one Vacancy last Election, and many stood for it, two of which were one Wake, of kin to the Archb^p of Cant., visitor of that College, & Mr. Anstis of Balliol College, a younger son of Mr. Anstis, Garter King of Arms. And this Smith, likewise stood, but neither himself nor any one else expected he would come in. The College did not chose [*sic*] any one, so the matter came before the Visitor, who after a long demur fixed upon Smith, at which the College is not pleased. Mr. Anstis is a Founder's Kinsman, and ought to have had it, being well qualified otherwise. His elder brother had stood before, and insisted upon the Privilege 40 of a Founder's Kinsman, his Pedigree being proved beyond controul, but the Archb^p pretended he had a Pension, & so was unqualified, & for that reason passed him over.

Feb. 28, 1733 $\frac{1}{2}$. S. Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 214). Subscribes for Otterbourne and Whethamstede.

Feb. 29 (Tu.). There is in the Library of the Herald's Office Sir Thomas More's life of Ric. III in Latin with some corrections, which in all probability Mr. Anstis tells me are of his handwriting. Mr. Anstis supposes it agrees with the printed book, for when he had an occasion to settle the age of Ed. IV at the time of his death, and being convinced that Sir Thomas More was mightily mistaken in his computation in that printed book, he there upon consulted the said MS. which agreed with the printed one, but he did not take the pains to make any farther collation; if I will take that trouble, Mr. Anstis says the MS. shall be delivered
10 to Mr. Murray, if he will call for it, for that purpose.

I do not think it proper to send for it, at least not at present, being satisfied that there is no material difference. But I must remember to ask Mr. Anstis what age he makes Ed. IV to be.

Mar. 1 (Wed.). Yesterday morning, being Feb. 29, Mr. John Borret, Fellow of Queen's Coll., Oxon., was found dead in his Bed. He was a North Country man, and took the Degree of M.A. as a Member of Queen's Coll. on Oct. 16, 1717. In the year 1727 he was Senior Proctor of the University. He was a little man, and was sometime since a very hard drinker, which brought him into a Consumption. The day immediately
20 before he died, viz. on Monday last, he rode out by himself, as he hath done of late most days, but could hardly go as far as Port Meadow, before he was forced to return. Upon his going to bed at night, they would have had some one sit up with him, but he would not permitt it. He was a good natured man. He had received an hundred and thirty pounds on Monday (the day before he died) of Wilmot the Bookseller in Thorold¹ Street, Oxford, which was found upon his Table the morning he was found dead, just in the manner he had left it after 'twas brought to him.

Mar. 2 (Thur.). John Baber Esq., Gentleman Commoner of Magd.
30 Coll., Oxon., hath got a fair 4^{to} MS. in vellum of *The Prick of Conscience*. The Author's name does not appear, but it was Richard de Hampole, being called Hampole from the Cistercian Nunnery of Hampole, about four miles from Doncaster in Yorkshire, where he was an Hermite. His

Feb. 29, 173½. H. to Rawlinson. (Rawl. 32. 69). Is sending the copies of Hemingford.

Feb. 29, 173½. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 28). Is sorry to hear of the death of his wife. Sends Hemingford.

Feb. 29, 173½. William Bromley to H. (Rawl. 3. 158). Mentions the death of his father. Desires to become a subscriber in his father's stead.

Mar. 1, 173½. Samuel Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 113). Desires to subscribe for Otterbourne.

Mar. 2, 173½. H. to William Bromley (Rawl. 8. 159). 'I am sorry for the death of your father. . . . He was a very honest Gentleman, and died a Martyr in our service.' Will deliver Hemingford to B.'s brother, who is coming to Oxford.

Mar. 2, 173½. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 187). Thanks for Hemingford.

¹ This is Hearne's invention. He held that Turl was a contraction of Thorold, but it is not, nor was the street ever known as Thorold's in the Middle Ages.—Ed.

original name was Richard Roll. He was a man of great Renown for his Virtues, and for the Strictness of his Life and Conversation. He lived anno 1349 and I take this MS. to be of that age, and perhaps it may be as good as any. It consists of seven parts. He hath a chapter intit. 'Of fiftene tokenes'.

[Then follows a long extract.]

Mar. 3 (Fri.). Yesterday in the afternoon Mr. Borret, of Queen's College, was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East.

Yesterday the Assize Sermon was preached at St. Marie's in Oxford by Mr. Rob. Eden, Fellow of University College, and I am told 'twas a very 10 good one.

To ask Lord Oxford whether he hath got a Copy of Hen. VIth's Will.

Ld Oxford hath an old Primer, where there are prayers to [*sic*] Henry the Sixt. My Ld says I shall see it, if I please. I have this day wrote to my Lord about both the said particulars, as also about a very extraordinary book in 4^{to}, that he hath, entituled *Speculum Cristiani*, printed at London.

Mar. 4 (Sat.). My Ld sent me in his Letter of Feb. 29 last, a Specimen of the said Book, just in the Characters it was printed in.

[Then follow an extract from *Speculum Cristiani* printed at London by William de Machlinia.]

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Mar. 5 (Sun.). Bernardus Andreas, Tholosates, had a Salary from the Exchequer, & some rewards upon particular occasions, & is sometimes stiled in them *Poeta cecus*, being at last blind. It was his method to write the publick Transactions yearly & dedicate them (as I remember) to Hen. VII, some of which were in the Cotton Library, where Mr. Anstis read them heretofore (as he tells me in his Letter from the Herald's Office of Feb. 15, 1731) and found them to be very jejune, empty things; but whether the same are destroyed or remain, Mr. Anstis cannot tell. There is some person in France, that is collecting the Lives of the learned 30 Tholosans, & upon application to Mr. Anstis, he [Mr. Anstis] sent the few notices of the grants here made to the Poet.

Mar. 6 (Mon.). Mr. West in his Letter of the 3rd from London tells me, he received his MS. relating to Queen Philippa & his printed Book

Points out that *scarris* is a mistake for *starris*, and does not mean *shares*, as H. says.

Mar. 2, 1731. Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 9. 96). Has received Hemingford; sends 3 guineas for Otterbourne.

Mar. 2, 1731. Arthur VanSittart in Ormond St. to H. (Rawl. 11. 3). Has received Hemingford; subscribes for Otterbourne.

Mar. 4, 1731. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 281). Sends a guinea.

Mar. 4, 1731. Bishop Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 14) [see Diary, Ap. 30, May 5, 6, 7].

Mar. 6, 1731. A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 294). Has received Hemingford; subscribes for Otterbourne.

Mar. 6, 1731. William Holwell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 397). Will continue to subscribe.

Mar. 6, 1731. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 159). Has received the

of Miscellanies in which is Blackman's Life of Hen. VI on the 2nd inst.; Mr. West had lent me the said two books.

At the same time he tells me the following Particulars about the destruction at the Cotton Library. That Piece of John Whethamstede, Tib. D. V. 1, is burnt to Crust; Claudius D. 1 is saved; Nero B. 6 is saved; Galba B. 4 is wanting & so presumed to be entirely burnt. Tiberius, Galba, Otho, Vitellius are most burnt. Julius and Augustus all saved. Mr. West was enclined the rather to send the said Particulars, because I am now engaged in printing a piece of Whethampstede & he
 10 thought I would be glad to hear of the fate of Whethampstede's pieces.

Remember to write to Mr. Casley about Otterbourne's *Chronica Regum Angliae* (Vitel. F. ix. 3) and to know of him whether it be entirely burnt, and whether he can tell exactly the age of it. I take it to have been that made use of by John Stowe. 'Tis the MS. I am now printing.

Mar. 7 (Tu.). Mr. West lately purchased Mr. Graves's MSS. of his Son. They are chiefly Extracts from Cotton and Bodleian Manuscripts & not of great value. Among them is the Register of Kenilworth & a Register of the Muniments of Oriel College 'per prepositum & scolares compilatum anno domini 1397'. I have heard Mr. Graves several
 20 times mention the said Register of Kenilworth, & he sent me some things from it, which I published not long since. I think he said the late Editor

books. Sends eleven guineas, also some 'veloms & MSS.' for H.'s perusal. The amount of the loss at the Cotton Library is unknown but 'it is generally known that Bentley took more care to preserve his own papers of Milton's *Paradise destroyed*, as it is called, than of the more valuable MSS.' Describes the collection of pamphlets of Dr. Gandy, aged 82, which R. apparently had acquired. 'Mr. West has at the expense of £150 purchased the MSS. of the celebrated Sir Julius Caesar, formerly Master of the Rolls, which are said to be considerable. He proceeds with great vigour in his purchases and grasps largely; for what can't a great unencumbered fortune and a single life attain, even all that gold can purchase. He has lately lost by death a Lady on whom he had sett his affections, by which he has probably saved the antiquary; for marriage little conduces to the study of antiquities. . . . Mr. Thomas Bedford has almost finished Simeon Dunelmensis and within a fortnight sett out for Paris, in order to Angiers, to attend Sir Robert Cotton & son in quality of chaplain for some years. . . . As to the advertisements about Mr. Bilston's piece, they are discontinued and the spiritual intruder I hear was really, or pretended to be, much alarmed at the report how greatly he was concerned. He declared to Mr. Crynes that he had noways encouraged it, but by the purchase of a single copy. . . . Many of my brother's very old books such as now remain by Caxton & Winkyn de Word are imperfect; the prices people will now give for these is so incredible trifling, that those that are bulky the chandlers and grocers are the best chapmen. . . . I think I formerly mentioned that to Mr. Hilkiah Bedford's care was recommended the making of the life of Dr. Hickee, & upon his death that it devolved on Mr. Smith who has excellent materials for that end; that of Mr. Collier is now taken in hand by the Rev. Mr. Wagstaffe, and by what I have seen will be well performed.'

Mar. 7, 1731. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 43) [see Diary, Mar. 10, 11].

Mar. 7, 1731. J. Antis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 17) [see Diary, Mar. 9]. Points out two mistakes in H.'s Hemingford.

Mar. 7, 1731. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 251). Has received Hemingford.

of Dugdale's Warwickshire would extract divers things from it. He also mentioned to me the Register of Oriel Coll. at the same time he gave me the Statutes which I have since printed of that College, telling me (as I remember) that the Statutes had been bound up with it 'till such time as he separated them. I must ask Mr. West to lend me this Register of Oriel Coll.

Mar. 8 (Wed.). The late Mr. William Bromley was one of Dr. Ratcliffe's Trustees, and in his room two are chosen, his will (it seems) being so, that upon a vacancy two should be chosen, viz. William Bromley Esq., eldest son of the said Mr. Bromley, and Edward Harley Esq., son¹⁰ of Auditor Harley, who is uncle to the present E. of Oxford.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. March 6:—

There is dead at Reading in Berkshire the Rev. Mr. Phaniel Bacon, aged 80, who had been above forty years the worthy Pastor of St. Laurence's Church in Reading, justly esteemed by true lovers of Christian Virtue for his orthodox Doctrine, most exemplary Life, and conscientious Discharge of all Parochial Duties.

He hath a son of both his names Fellow of Magd. College, Oxon., Author of a Poem called *The Kite*, of which there are two Editions. The Father was of St. John's Coll., Oxon., as a member of which he took the²⁰ Degree of M.A. on Mar. 23, 1677, and that of B.D. July 9, 1684.

Mar. 9 (Thur.). In p. 20 of Hemingford's Hist. of Ed. I is the word *scarris* for *starris*. I have a note there upon it. Mr. Anstis says in a Letter to me that 'tis a mistake in Hemingford for *starris*. I know what is said of the diplomata's granted to the Jews being called by that name, but Dufresne does not seem to have ever seen one. Ask Mr. Anstis to send a copy of such a diploma, especially if the word be in it.

Mr. Anstis had Juliana Barnes, which had in words at length that it was emprinted at St. Alban's, but my Lord Pembroke would never let him be at quiet, untill he parted with it to him.

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Dr. Wats in his Glossary to Mat. Paris hath a note about the word *starrum*, and makes it to be *apocha* or *adquietancia*, and tells us of many such, which he had seen in Hebrew in the Tally Office. But the word in Matthew Paris 874. 2 is not *starrum* but *statutum*.

Mar. 10 (Fri.). Mr. Baker hath sent me the Dimensions of St. Paul's Cathedral from Cambridge. He presumes it to be the same that is quoted by Sir William Dugdale, only he mistakes the Library [see Vol. 134, Jan. 31]. He sends it from Mr. Robert Hare's MSS. Collections in Gonvil & Caius Coll. Library. Mr. Hare might be the more concerned for St. Paul's Cathedral, since he expresst such a desire to be buried⁴⁰ in it.

Mr. Baker hath Hen. VIth's will, & if I think of printing it, he will send me a Copy, otherwise he should not care to copy it, being very long.

Mar. 9, 1731. Robert Myddelton to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 108). Asks that his books may be bound and sent to Chirk Castle.

Mar. 10, 1731. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 7). Sends Hemingford 'bound in Cambridge binding' which cost two shillings.

And yet the Title is only *Copia ultimae voluntatis regis Henrici Sexti pro collegiis suis regalibus viz. pro. collegio B. Mariae de Etona, et pro collegio B. Mariae et sancti Nicholai de Cantebr. perficiendis*. Mr. Baker would be glad to know whether our Copy at Oxford contains any more. Mr. Baker's by the beginning and conclusion seems to be perfect & the whole. It is taken from the same MS. as the dimensions of St. Paul's Cathedral viz. *Miscell. Collect. Roberti Hare*, a noted Antiquary.

Mar. 11 (Sat.). Dr. Knight's Sermon upon the Consecration of Dr. Tanner to the bishoprick of St. Asaph is printed, tho' I have not
10 seen it.

Biblia Polyglotta dedicated to Oliver Cromwell Mr. Baker hath not heard of, till I told him. I was informed so by Mr. Bagford. But *Biblia Polyglotta Alexandrina* [Parisiensia] anno MDLXVI, dedicated to Pope Alexander VII, by three Dutch printers [sharper] with a new Title Page, he hath heard of, being shown as a Rarity to Father Mabillon at Rome. Possibly Oliver Cromwell might be dealt with in the same manner, tho' he were not easily imposed upon. But nothing lays a man more open to be imposed upon than Vanity.

Mar. 12 (Sun.).

20 [A Latin note that *Cistrensis* on p. 519, Vol. II of Hemingford should be *Cicestrensis*.]

On Wednesday night last, March 8, died of the small Pox Mr. Henry Cole, Fellow of Magd. Coll., Oxon., at Stanlake near Witney, where he was Curate to Mr. Lydal, the Rector of Stanlake. He was also minister of Long Crendon, near Thame. He was born at Enston near Charlbury & was a good natured man. He took the Degree of M.A. on Feb. 3, 1723.

Mar. 13 (Mon.). Mr. Edward Burton formerly of Oriel College, now of the Lottery Office at Whitehall, tells me in his Letter of Feb. 15, 1731,
30 that he never saw a coin of Ric. III and that if he had one, it should be at my service. He does not think he could be that ugly person some have described him. He thinks his marrying the widow of Prince Edward, son of Hen. VI, shows that he was not a disagreeable Courtier. For my part I think those that lived at or near the time are most to be credited, who speak of him as very disagreeable, and even his coin with a shrivelled face confirms it that I saw in Dr. Tanner's hands; tho' it must be allowed that the Frontispiece of Hall's Chronicle represents him young, as indeed he was but 33 when he was killed. It is certain that he was a man of Parts & cunning, & so he might insinuate himself into the
40 favour of the Lady, or it might be brought about some other way.

Mar. 14 (Tu.). 'There is no word more common than Starrum for a Jewish Instrument; see Selden's Uxor Hebr. c. xiv, and one printed by him in his Titles of Honour in Hebrew Characters, where he treats of the word *Sir* in his chapter about Knighthoods. And probably

Mar. 13, 1731. Jo. Strachey to H. (Rawl. 16. 94) [see Diary, Ap. 8]. Mentions some deeds about Somersetshire that he had seen at various times.

Mr. Madox in his History of the Exchequer, about that of the Jews, may furnish you with other Instances. I have seen several so endorsed, and, which I thought observable, with seals to them having impressions of Lions &c. upon them, which doubtlesse they did not think prohibited under graven images. It is supposed that the Starchamber, wherein the Court so denominated heretofore sat, was the place of the Jews Exchequer where such Starrs were kept, had its denomination thence, & the Court from that place so usually called, it being customary to denominate seats of Judicature from the place, as our Exchequer, the Arches, the Rota at Rome &c., in the same manner as the Council de Trullo from the 10 Emperor's Hall'. So Mr. Anstis in a Letter to me without date, which I received on Sunday night Mar. 12, 1731, and 'twas wrote, as appears from the outside, at Mortlake.

Mar. 15 (Wed.). What Mr. Anstis says is very true that Selden in his Uxor Hebr. c. xiv and in his Titles of Honour p. 939 of IInd Edition makes the Jewish Instruments to be stiled *starra* and hints as if he had seen six hundred of them of the reigns of Hen. III and Ed. I, and perhaps Mr. Madox may have likewise observations of the same kind, tho' I have not his book. Mr. Selden makes the word to be the same with the Hebrew *Shetar*, which he observes signifies *libellus de calceo exuto*, which 20 if so it is more right in Hemingsford with a *c* than *t*. I would fain know, whether the word itself occur in any of the Instruments, whereas as yet I do not find that it does, but only on the back. And I would also know what age these Endorsements are of. Methinks *starrum* or *scarrum* is nothing but a corruption of *charta*. The Normans called all chirographa *chartae*, and the Jews as well as other ignorant foreigners not understanding Latin pronounced them *shartae* and in English *sharrs*, *sharts* and *starrs*. As for the Star Chambers being called from those instruments, Mr. Stowe knew of no such thing, but observes that 'twas called so, because the Roof thereof is decked with the likenesse of Starres 30 gilt. What confirms my opinion with respect to *chartae* is the famous Latin Chronicle of Dunstaple, which I have now before me in MS., being lent me by the Earl of Oxford, in which such Jewish instruments are expressly called *chartae*.

Mar. 16 (Thur.). About the beginning of this month Dr. Richard Frewin was married to one Mrs. Graves, a widow woman, being his third Wife, tho' his second had been dead but half a year, she dying the last of August 1731.

[Extract from the book of Hawking printed at St. Albans 1486.]

Mar. 17 (Fri.). Mr. Thomas Wadmore, of Foxcote in Warwickshire, 40 will make enquiry about the Chartularies & other Antiquities of Wenlock Abby, which he knows full well. So he told me last night. It is an abbey of the Cluniac Order, founded by Roger E. of Montgomery A.D. 1081. It's dedicated to St. Milburga. A pack of cards was found some time since in an oven in Wenlock Abbey, which fell presently to dust. This Abbey is in Shropshire. There are vast Remains of this Abbey. The Out-Walls and the Gate House are standing, but part of the Gate House is turned into Stables & Bog houses. There is a vast

barn, which I suppose was the *Grangia*. The Abbey was built of Limestone. This Stone now of the Abbey makes fine Lime. There are Ruins of a Chappell on which St. Peter over the door with the keys. The Town Church is very near the Abbey, & comes to the Abbey Wall's sides. Wenlock Abbey belonged lately to Mr. Gage, a Roman Catholick Gentleman, commonly called Beau Gage, who sold it to Sir Wadkin Williams a Protestant, who has it now. Beau Gage is still living. Sir Watkin hath the writings relating to the Abbey. Mr. Green was Sir Wadkin's Steward, and perhaps is so still. Mr. Green is a Catholick and
10 can tell many things about the Abbey.

Mar. 18 (Sat.). From Mr. Anstis's Letter above mentioned :—

[Then follows Archbishop Sancroft's Mandate Nov. 10, 1681.]

NB. I have since printed this mandate in my Preface to Otterbourne's Chronicle; Sept. 16, 1733.

Mar. 19 (Sun.). Dr. John Thorpe of Rochester, being now in Town to enter a Son of University College, he gave me this night a brass coin of Hadrian, found at Rochester.

[Description of the coin.]

Ethelwolph son of K. Egbert was Bp of Winchester before he was
20 King of England. So Otterbourne p. 51. But Godwin thinks otherwise.

Mar. 20 (Mon.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Mar. 13 :—

Letters from Cambridge say that the Rev. Dr. Davies, Master of Queen's College, Rector of Fen Ditton, and one of the Prebendaries of Ely (which two last Preferments are in the Gift of the Bishop of Ely, and the first in the College) dyed there on Monday last.

Mar. 21 (Tu.). Last night I spent the evening again with Dr. Thorpe; Mr. Warner of Rochester (who had never been at Oxford before) & the Doctor's son were with us, as they were the night before.

30 Vast numbers of coins and urns and other vessels are discovered by the Walls of Rochester Castle. The Place is called commonly Bulley Hill, as I think the Doctor told me. The urns are all placed in a very regular manner & between each is a little vessel with a sort of long neck. No doubt but it was a publick burying place. Dr. Wall was a man much like Mr. Dodwell, about the same stature, and he wore his own gray hair.

Dr. Thorpe hath made large Collections relating to Rochester and some other parts of Kent, but fears he shall never digest them. He designed to have done the History of Rochester by way of Annals, in the nature of Kennett's Parochial Antiquities, giving under each year the
40 story in a few lynes in English, and then subjoyning the original written evidences. Haymo de Hethe's Register of Rochester is a noble Thing. He became Bp about the 12th of Edward II. Harris that did Lexicon Technicum was a very superficial Fellow, and tho' a Clergyman a great

Mar. 20, 1733. G. Ballard to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 131). Has received Hemmingford; subscribes for Otterbourne.

sot and an horrid Lyar. He was good however at telling a Story well. He died in very mean Circumstances. He got many writings which were lent him, but he would never restore them.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge particularly about Dr. Davies, Master of Queen's Coll. there.

Mar. 22 (Wed.). Dr. Robert Shippen, Principal of Brasnose Coll., was very zealous against Dr. Lee's being made Master of Balliol College, & to have Best be the man, and he was the very man that industriously found out that one of the Fellows was disqualified, because he had not subscribed, & at that time he made it his Business to see who had & who ¹⁰ had not taken the Oaths, purely if possible to keep Lee out that way.

The said Dr. Shippen (who is a most lecherous man) some years since debauched a very pretty Woman, one Mrs. Churchill, the wife & afterwards the widow of one Churchill, a bookbinder in Oxford, one of the prettiest Women in England. He poked her, of which she died in a sad Condition. The thing is so notorious that 'tis frequently talked of to this day.

A true character of him, in many respects, may be learned from Dr. Welton's *Spiritual Intruder*, Shippen himself (who intruded into the Dr.'s Living) being the person there called *The Spiritual Intruder*, and ²⁰ when the Book came out, Shippen was devilishly nettled, & got all bought up, being not at any time able to bear anything against himself in print, however forwards he always is to countenance any thing wrote against honest men.

Mar. 23 (Thur.). On Mon. 2, 1731, was found at Cirencester, in Gloucestershire, an ancient Statue of solid Corinthian Brass, as 'tis expressed in the printed Bills, sixteen inches long, the right hand extended half an inch above the head. It is of Apollo, as the Bills call it, though I rather think it to be Cupid. One Cutler and Bolton carry it about for a show. They both live at Cirencester. Bolton belongs to Mr. Masters ³⁰ (in whose garden the Statue was found) Parliament man for Cirencester, but Cutler goes commonly about with coins, & turns a penny that way, & is always ready to shew abundance, that he never fails to say were found at Cirencester. I take this Statue to be a cheat.

Mr. Godwyn, Fellow of Balliol College, hath the Pictures of Dr. Thomas Godwyn, Bp of Bath & Wells, Dr. Francis Godwyn, first Bp of Landaff & after of Hereford and . . . Godwyn, brother of the said Dr. Francis Godwyn. In his left hand a Book, & in his right hand a Pen writing these words 'Vae mihi Paulo, si non evangelizavero'.

Mar. 24 (Fri.). On Monday last, the 20th inst., Mr. Joseph Sanford, ⁴⁰ B.D. & Fellow of Balliol College, shewed me a very ancient Latin printed Josephus in the Archives of that College Library.

[Then follows a description of the volume, which was given to Balliol in 1478 by William Gray, bishop of Ely.]

Mar. 25 (Sat.). At the same time I saw in Balliol College Library a MS. of Higden's Polychronicon that formerly belonged to the famous Thomas Gascoyne.

[Then follows a description of it ; now Ball. MS. CCXXXV.]

Mar. 26 (Sun.). I likewise saw at the same time a 4th MS. in the Archives of Ball. Coll. Library marked num. 470 :—Incipit libellus qui dicitur formula religiosorum.

[Then follows a description of it; now Ball. MS. CCLXIV.]

Mar. 27 (Mon.). Which is the best Casuist, Dr. Wake the present Archbishop of Canterbury, or Dr. Sancroft the late Archbishop, must be left to the judgment of others, and yet 'twill be so easily determined for the latter that there will not, I think, be the least demur, if it be considered that Sancroft always acted with the strictest regard to conscience in all
10 affairs whatever, and therefore a most particular regard ought to be had to his opinion, expressed in the mandate to All Souls College above inserted, p. 102 : and yet Dr. Wake had so little regard to this opinion, that he would not permitt Council to be heard before him, whether it was in the power of the Warden & Fellows consistent with their oaths to permit a Devolution; so clear it seems this matter is; and accordingly filled up the vacancy of a Fellowship at All Souls this last year, for w^{ch} Mr. Anstis of Balliol College (a Founder's Kinsman) stood, with a stranger in blood, one Smith of Queen's College.

It is spread abroad by some of the College, who think it is not enough
20 to reject Kinsmen, unless they can also ruin their reputations, while they are young, that Mr. Anstis neither understood Latin or Greek, and yet I have heard it said by an impartial man or two (of excellent judgment) that he made the best exercise. But insufficiency will always be pretended in such cases. They dared not however to return in their Instrument that he was not qualified, or even that he stood upon Privilege. The poor Founder mentions the last Judgment, to which he appeals the Archbishop, for his observance of his Statutes, and by them appoints expulsion for perjury. In our age with too many people oaths become too feeble to bind and the notion of a Judgment is a scarecrow. So that if Common
30 Law will not compell observation of Statutes, all securities made by Founders are useless. Some of the College, when they are spoke to about Founder's kinsmen, say 'tis stuff, that they are upon their Oaths, & will have such a regard to them, as not to have more respect to Founder's kinsmen than others, provided they are otherwise equal. And at this rate Dr. Irish used to talk.

Mar. 28 (Tu.). Last night was buried in the Church of Ewelme near Dorchester in Oxfordshire, M^{rs}. Newcome, wife of Mr. Henry Newcome, rector of Didcote in Berks., and Master of the School of Ewelme Hospital. She was the daughter of one Caryl of Oxford, and
40 grand-daughter of one Alderman Bailey of Oxford. She had a sister, and they had each 1500 libs. apiece paid, I think, by the said Alderman. But Newcome, who is a boon blade, and never did the least duty at Ewelme School hitherto in his life, tho' he hath had it and lived in the House belonging to the schoolmaster there many years, 'tis believed hath spent all that Fortune or much more. She was a very pretty good-

Mar. 28, 1732. J. Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 16). Discusses his prospect of preferment under Bishop Tanner and hopes he will not be offered something 'inconsiderable'.

natured Woman, & they proved a very loving couple. She hath left by him four Daughters (very pretty young Women) but no son. She died last Friday Morning March 24. She had breakfasted with her Husband & Mr. Brook of Braznose breakfasted with them then also. After breakfast Mr. Brook came for Oxford. Mr. Newcome went into his Study to do something, & being reading (as I have been told) she soon came in, and sat down in a great chair, not seeminly disordered. One of the daughters soon after comes in also, and presently asked her Father what made her mother look so white, upon which Dr. Newcome taking her by the hand, found her stone dead, to his great Surprise. She had complained 10 the day before of a pain in her head. This is the Story, as I have heard it related. Be it as it will, she certainly died suddenly.

Mar. 29 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Mar. 27:—

London, Mar. 23. Letters from Cambridge say that last week died there Mr. Hadderton, Under-Librarian of that University, which is supposed to have occasioned the Report of the death of Dr. Middleton, the Chief Librarian, who is in very good Health; and that the Place of Under Librarian is worth £50 per an., for which there were five Candidates, out of whom the Heads pricked two, viz. Mr. Taylor of St. John's and Mr. Rooke of Christ's; the 20 former carried it by fifteen.

On the 15th inst. died — Penn Esq. at Pen House in the County of Buckingham; he was a Gentleman possessed of many excellent Qualities, of great Virtue, extensively charitable to the Poor, and kept up the good old English Hospitality. He dying a Batchelor, his estate, which is very great, descends to Sir Nathaniel Curzon of Derbyshire Bart.

NB. He hath lived for some considerable time almost altogether in his Room, keeping no company, being as it were in a crazed condition.

Mar. 30 (Thur.). Mr. Edward Lye of Little Houghton in Northampshire gave me very lately a 4^{to} Book, being the Matins or Hours of 30 our Lady, printed at London by Wynkin de Worde anno 1510, which tho' somewhat imperfect is yet a curiosity, and so much the more valued by me, as it contains one prayer to Hen. VI, and two little prayers made by him. Intercession was made at Rome that this Prince should be canonized, but it did not take effect. King Henry VII was mightily for it, and for that reason this book was countenanced much by him. But King Hen. VI having but a bad Title to the Crown, & being withall very soft, it was judged proper not to saint him.

Mar. 31 (Fri.). Mr. West tells me in a letter from Bath of the 26th that he had wrote to Mr. Casley, to transcribe Whethamstede's Life from 40 the Cotton Library for himself (Mr. West) and that he would send it me as soon as finished, to print or not to print as I shall judge proper, and this he hath done at my motion.

Full as Bath is of Roman Antiquities, yet they have been already so fully described that Mr. West had nothing of that nature to send me.

Mar. 30, 1732. F. Drake to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 275) [see Diary, April 12].

Mar. 30, 1732. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 7. 184) [see Diary, April 5].

He tells me I may command the Register of Oriel College (that belonged to Mr. Graves) when I please.

There is nothing at Bath but gaiety and ludicrous diversions, so that even at London there is much more privacy and retirement than at Bath, especially since at Bath all people will be acquainted with one, whether one will or no.

April 1 (Sat.). On Wednesday last the Rector of Lincoln College, Mr. Euseby Isham, told me at his Lodgings, that a fair Offer had been made to him of a Lady, if he had a mind to marry, but he declined it in
 10 a very handsome manner (for he read his answer, having then just wrote it, & was going to send it by Post to the Gentleman who had wrote to him for the Lady, to me) signifying that at present he was not inclined to alter his state & condition of life.

On Wednesday the 22nd of last month died Mr. Thomas Granger. He belonged to the East India Company, & was an honest man. He was near 70 years of age, & was a very friendly man. He had been many years violently afflicted with the Gout, but was always wonderfully chearfull. He was very curious, & had made a very curious Collection of English Coins, & of books in our English History & Antiquities.

Ap. 2 (Sun.). Yesterday meeting Mr. Green, late of Chilswell, now of Charley Court near Comnor in Berks., he gave me the following silver coin of Edward the first, which, he said, was found in his garden in the said Charley Court.

[Then follows a representation of the coin, which was struck at Bristol.]

Dr. Hough, formerly President of Magd. Coll., Oxon., and now Bp of Worcester, told Mr. Samuel Dudley, an ancient Clergyman, that he was nineteen years of age when he was entered of the University of Oxford. This I had on Thursday last from the Rev. Mr. John Loder, formerly of Edm. Hall, afterwards of Gloucester Hall (now called Worcester Coll.) and
 30 at this time a Clergyman in Warwickshire.

Ap. 3 (Mon.). Yesterday called upon me Browne Willis, of Whaddon Hall, Esq. He talked of sending me many collections in MSS. relating to Abbies, if I would print them, but I did not shew myself at all ready. He shewed me a silver sixpence of K. Edw. VI, anno MDXLVI, also a silver sixpence of K. Charles I, anno 1625.

On Thursday last Mr. — Church was chosen organist of New College. He is also organist of St. Peter's in the East Oxford, in ^{the} which Parish he lives, and hath been organist of the said St. Peter's ever since the organ was placed there from the Theatre.

Ap. 1, 1732. John Strachey to H. (Rawl. 16. 97). Corrects his letter of Mar. 13; leaves England tomorrow, and asks H. to remove his name from the list of subscribers.

Ap. 1, 1732. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 312). Had been 'struggling with a feyarish indisposition'. Has received Hemingford. Sends 'a Receipt upon the collector of the Excise at Oxford' for a guinea, as his next subscription.

Ap. 4 (Tu.). From Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. in a Letter dated Caversham near Reading, Mar. 30, 1732; taken by himself on Mon. Mar. 27.

[Then follows the inscription to Constantine Phipps, who died Oct. 9, 1723, and Catharine Phipps who died Oct. 30, 1728, taken from the marble monument on the south wall of the Chancel in White Waltham church.]

Mr. Thomas Fenton, formerly Student of X^t Ch., hath a MS. of Francis Vernon's *Oxonium Poema*, formely, but incorrectly, printed.

Mr. Willis is for having John Aubrey's MS. of Wiltshire in the Ashm. Museum to be printed.

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Ap. 5 (Wed.). Mr. Loveday told me the foresaid Epitaph on Sir Constantine Phipps is represented exactly as on the Marble, even to the false stops. Sir Constantine was buried just at the Entrance into the Chancel, so that the monument is a considerable distance from the body. It had not been erected above a week before Mr. Loveday was there, tho' the Epitaph must have been made considerably before, if (as he was told) Mr^s. Ingoldesby, there said to be yet living, has been dead some time.

The Clergyman that one of Mr. Dodwell's daughters marryed is Mr. Smith of Stoke, near Slough. Q. which of the Daughters it is.

Mr^s. Joanna Finch, who marryed Mr. Edward Dalby, dyed about 3 weeks since. She was the youngest of the 5 daughters of John Finch of Feens in Berks., Esq.

The chief design of Sir Tho. Bodley's building or founding the Bodl. Library was to have a collection of Books against the Roman Catholicicks.

To put Mr. Loveday in mind to inquire after Books with prayers to Hen. VI, and to inquire particularly whether there were any with such prayers before the reign of Hen. VII.

Ap. 6 (Thur.). Yesterday in the afternoon a Batchelor of Arts, of New College, meeting me near that College, carried me to his room, on purpose to show me an old MS. He said it was his Father's and that it came out of the Study of old John Speed the Chronologer. It is on Vellum. It is *Brute of England*, coming down to Edw. IV. I found John Stowe's hand in two or three places of the margin.

Yesterday was a hot discourse about Oxford of two Pots of money being found yesterday morning, as they were digging a Cellar in Thames Street or George Lane.

Yesterday a Gentleman, a young Master of Arts, gave me a brass coin of M. Aurelius Antoninus of the year of X^t 155. [Then follows a description of the coin.]

Sir John Floyer, Kt., a learned Physician hath given a great many books (all Physical) to Queen's College Library, Oxford, of which he was formerly a Member.

Ap. 7 (Good Friday). L'Authoritie et Jurisdiction des Courts de la Majestie de la Roygne, by Richard Crompton of the Middle Temple,

Ap. 4, 1732. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. I. 118) [see Diary, Ap. 26, 28]. Points out that *scarris* should be *starris*.

Ap. 4, 1732 ('received May 5'). Anstis to H. (Rawl. I. 119) [see Diary, June 27].

printed twice in 4^{to} is a book that contains many curious things. In it is Edw. Confessor's charter for hunting, but the author had it from Camden. Several have pillaged this Book. I wish the author had given us an account of the Original of the several Courts' names, particularly of the Star Chamber Court.

Mem. that Castalio's Bible that came out at London in 4 small volumes a^o 1626 is most sadly corrected. An Edition in small was some years talked of at Oxford, and I wish it had been done. Mr. Dodwell was mightily for it.

- 10 The best edition that we have hitherto of Marcianus Capella is that of Hugo Grotius. Mr. Wasse many years ago designed an Edition, & would have had my assistance, but I was otherwise engaged; besides he required somewhat unreasonable.

Ap. 8 (Sat.). A young Gentleman of Merton College told me last night, that Thomas Palmer, of Fairfield in Somersetshire, Esq., hath got transcripts of many things in the Cotton Library, which he intends to print, and that they are distinct from his Collections relating to the History and Antiquities of that County, which he hath now laid aside.

- He also told me that Mr. Strachey's Map of Somersetshire is going to
20 be printed. I said I feared not, Mr. Strachey being just gone beyond sea, by reason of his perplexed affairs, he having about 14 children living and none good, tho' Mr. Strachey himself be a good sort of man, notwithstanding a Whig. His Estate is but very small to support them, viz. about 300 libs. per annum, tho' 'twas sometime ago about 500.

Hen. VI's will in Mr. Baker's hands being very long and not very edifying, & never executed, I have no thoughts of printing it.

- Ap. 9 (Sun.).** Yesterday Mr. James Serenius, a Foreigner, now Pastor of one of the Forreign Churches in England, called upon me, as he had done last year. He hath printed Proposals for publishing by Subscription
30 in 4^{to} *Dictionarium Anglo-Suethico-Latinum*. He told me, that a Forreigner (who hath been about it twenty years) will in a little time put Ulphilas to the Press, & that 'twould be printed at Oxford.

I got Thomas Otterbourne transcribed at my own Expense from the Cotton Library before the MS. there was damnified by the late Fire, and in this I think myself very fortunate.

- The number of MSS. Volumes of w^{ch} the Cottonian Library consisted, before the late fire, were 958; of which were lost or entirely spoiled 120; damaged, so as to be defective 114; remain entire 724. This is the account Mr. Baker sent me in a letter of the 23rd of last March of that
40 great blow and loss to Learning. And he had it from a Memorandum, taken at the Committee of the House of Commons.

Ap. 10 (Mon.). On Saturday last died of a Consumption Mr. — Watre, A. B. and Student of X^t Ch. & was buried there today. He was a very ingenious good natured young man, and much beloved, & was when at Westminster school much respected by the Head Master thereof, Dr. Rob^t Freind.

Mr. Baker of Cambridge very well remembers, the late Bp of Peterborough, Dr. White Kennett, told him, Mr. Wood's first design was only

a History of Merton College; so, no doubt, his Collections that way were large, tho' they may be lost.

Mr. Hadderton the Librarian at Cambridge being lately dead, it occasioned a report in the Prints, of Dr. Middleton's death. Mr. Hadderton is succeeded by one Mr. Taylor of St. John's College in Cambridge, an ingenious Man, but not so well fitted for drudgery as his predecessor, who was a true Drudg [*sic*], & a loss, as such.

Ap. 11 (Tu.). Mr. John Jones (whom I have formerly mentioned) Curate of Abbats-Ripton near Huntingdon, writes me word from London on the 28th of last month, that a Friend of his hath been twice at Kings 10 Langley in Hartfordshire since I wrote last to him (Mr. Jones), and tells him he hath nothing material to send him relating to any old Inscriptions in that Church. He could perceive nothing that had the least Character of Antiquity stamped upon it, except the *Royal Tomb* at the East End of the North Isle; and another near the Rails of the Altar, but neither of them had any Inscription at all belonging to them. There are several Inscriptions on Brass & Stone in the Body of the Church, which relate to the Families of the Dixons or Chernes but they are all of a late date, and besides have nothing in his opinion curious or remarkable in them. They are all he thinks to be seen in Salmon's History of Hertfordshire. 20

One George Whetstone wrote and printed a book in 4^{to} intit. *The English Mirrour*. It contains, among other things, several particulars of English History. He also wrote & printed *A mirror for Majestrates* and a *Morall Treatise of the reputation, vertues and (by abuse) dishonors of a soldier*. Quaere, whether this George Whetstone was a Cambridge man.

Last night died Mrs. Emmot, wife of Mr. — Emmot (some few years since an Excise man) of St. Peter's in the East Oxford. [She was buried in St. Peter's church yard Thur. night about 8 clock.]

Last Saturday night, Ap. 8, some young scholars committed great 30 Rudeness to some Women, one of which was a handsome maid-servant of Mr. Leaver's, an apothecary in St. Peter's in the East, whom, as 'tis said, they set upon her head, at least they pulled all her cloaths over her head.

Ap. 12 (Wed.). Mr. Francis Drake (as he tells me in his Letter of the 30th of last month) expects that his Antiquities of York will be ready for Press in six months time.

Some time ago he met with a large mistical Ring, of which he sent me a Draught. The Inscription is Runick, but I never yet considered it. He says Mr. Serenius hath undertaken to get him an explanation among 40 the *Literati* in his own Country.

Ap. 11, 1732. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 242). Has received Hemingford, & subscribes again.

Ap. 12, 1732. John Worthington to H. (Rawl. 12. 132). Sends what transcripts he has of the registers of Bath and Wells. Is sorry H. has heard of no one who would like to be 'furnished with my Father's Discourses'. H. should have had the money. Regrets that straitened circumstances do not allow him to give real proof of his value for H.'s work.

Yesterday Mr. Davys, formerly V.-Principal of Hart Hall, now a minister in Northamptonshire, told me, that the Yelverton Library (he believes) must be soon sold, the Family being reduced.

Ap. 13 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond.
Ap. 10 :—

We hear that Richard Foley Esq. (one of the Protonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas) who died lately, has left the chief Part of his Estate (which was very considerable) to his younger brother Edward Foley of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., ordering £100 per Ann. out of it, to be paid quarterly, tax-free, to
10 William Shippen Esq. for eminent Services done to his Country.

Ap. 14 (Fri.). Mr. Baker hath no Prayers concerning Hen. VI, but he hath the Pope Julius II's Bull of Enquiry, in order to his Canonization, where it said [then a quotation].

The said Bull is printed by Sir James Ware in his Hist. Henrici VII under the year 1504. He had it from the Cotton Library.

Ap. 15 (Sat.). Dr. John Harris, who wrote the *Lexicon Technicum* &c. was of St. John's Coll. in Cambridge. 'His stay in Cambridge was short, removing to Oxford, where you will find more concerning him.'

Ap. 16 (Sun.). Dr. Davies's age may be collected from his standing.
20 'Joh. Davies. Coll. Regin., Art. Bac., an. 1698, Art. Mag. 1702, LL.D. an. 1710.' Mr. Baker remembers nothing more published by him than what I have mentioned above, for he presumes I know how many of Tully's Philosophical Pieces were published by him. His Editions (says Mr. Baker, in a Letter I received from him the 13th inst.) I think are well esteemed; he was a learned man, & yet his Learning did not puff him up; for he was modest & humble to the last, in an unusuall degree. He died Mar. 7, an. 1731, 2; & was succeeded by a man of equal modesty. So Mr. Baker, without adding the name of his Successor. I must needs say, I am glad Dr. Davies was so modest & humble a man, what I did not
30 know before, tho' I have seen him once, & perused his Editions, his notes to which are generally but heavy, what indeed I have heard several complain of.

On Friday last, being Ap. 11, one Alice Haysi, a girl of 21 years of age, drowned herself in Forresthill mill pond, near Oxford. She was an Apprentice to one Walker a taylor, whose wife is a mantua maker, and they both live in the Butchrow in Oxford. This girl's sister being 5 years old was drowned accidentally in the same pond 16 years since. Walker and his wife are reputed to have been barbarous to Alice. She was found on Wednesday. The body afterwards lay by the pond till
40 Friday in the afternoon last, when, the Coroner sitting, she was brought in non-compos.

Ap. 15, 1732. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 169). Has received Hemingford. Sends a drawing of a silver cup with an inscription on the rim.¹

¹ The cup must have been Russian, probably of the 16th century. The inscription is in Old Slavonick, and as far as it can be read is 'Terrible is the angel (i. e. of Judgment) but the servant is not afraid'.

Ap. 17 (Mon.). Yesterday the four Easter Sermons before the University were repeated at St. Marie's by Mr. Roger Cane of Magd. Coll., who I am told did it very well, tho' he pretty much shortened the Sermons. The Preachers were Mr. Allen of Xt Ch. on Good Friday at Xt Ch., Mr. Randolph of Corpus Xti on Easter Day at St. Peter's in the East, Dr. Thomas of All Souls on Easter Monday, and Mr. Davyes of Hart Hall on Easter Tuesday.

Mr. Baker will speak to Mr. Hadderton's successor in the Publick Library at Cambridge, to enquire concerning Juliana Barnes, but almost despairs of success, till the Books be set in order. 10

Ap. 18 (Tu.). From Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll., Oxford:—

[Then follow the inscriptions on the tombs of James Oldisworth, who died Sept. 3, 1722, and William Oldisworth, who died Dec. 22, 1714, in Fairford Church.]

The Epitaphs were composed by Oldisworth, Author of the *Examiner* &c. who was Brother's son to James Oldisworth.

Ap. 19 (Wed.). On Monday last, being the 17th inst., Walter Pryse, Esq., the Attorney, called upon me in the afternoon, with an elderly Gentleman, near three score years of age, who is a Baronett (Mr. Pryse called him Sir Harry Oneal) & hath been in foreign parts. At that time in Mr. Pryse's presence I put down this note at the end of this book, viz. 20
Ap. 17, 1732, Waller Pryse, Esq., gives me an old Roll of our English Kings, which he is to send me. But at leaving me, he revoked his Gift, as he did afterwards to another person, to whom he had mentioned what he said to me. What the Roll is, having not seen it, I cannot tell otherwise than by Mr. Pryse's saying it was genealogical and came down to one of the Edwards. I told him I thought Edward the IVth, but he said 'twas another Edward. He said 'twas on Vellum. Be it what it will, Mr. Pryse being a great Talker, no heed is to be given to what he says on such occasions, especially since he is well known to be a great Banterer. 30

On Good Friday last, being the 7th inst., died of an Inoculation of the Small Pox at King's College in Cambridge one Mr. West, a young Gentleman of 20 years of age. He was a relation of the Lord Delaware's.

Ap. 20 (Thur.). From Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll.

[Then follows the inscription on the tomb of Dr. John Rogers in Eynsham Church; he died May 1, 1729.]

At the same time was put up another Marble monument against the south wall, but more westwards, for Mrs. Anne Bedwell, daughter of Thomas Bedwell, gent. and Christian his wife, the sister of Dr. Rogers. She dyed Dec. 29, 1728, aet. 22. 40

Yesterday in a Convocation at two Clock in the afternoon were admitted Proctors for the year 1732, Mr. Richard Hutchins of Lincoln College & Mr. William Wynne of All Souls College.

Ap. 17, 1732. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 9. 19) [see Diary, June 5].

Ap. 19, 1732. P. Harcourt to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 343). Has written to his brother at Worcester College, to receive the books.

Ap. 21 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond. Ap. 17:—

Gloucester, April 10. On the 2nd of last month was plowed up in the lands of Thomas Masters, of Cirencester, Esq., a curious Statue of Corinthian Brass, being in length above 15 inches, and weighing upwards of nine pounds. The posture of it is erect, with one Arm extending upwards, having held something in the Hand, but broke off; the other descending, with the Hand clinched, which holds part (as some term it) of a Staff of Honour. It has a majestick face, and eye-lids of Silver; its head is adorned with flowing Hair in dropping Ringlets, with a double Parting on the Crown; one leg extends itself back-
 10 wards, and the Fingers and Toes (except three) are compleat. Some affirm it stood on a Pedestal, which will be sought after when the seed is off the ground. It is now sent to Oxford; from thence it will be carried to the Royal Society, to have their sage opinions thereof.

This is the Statue I mentioned above, that was shewed at Oxford to get money.

The Canonization of Hen. VI was again solicited under Hen. VIII but at a very unseasonable time, when he was soliciting for Ann Bullen. So it came to nothing. But for this I cannot quote the Bull, having only short notes. It was somewhat strange, that the King should
 20 sollicite for a Saint & a mistress at the same time; but his actions are unaccountable. *Mr. Baker in a Letter (without date) I received from him Apr. 13, 1732.*

Ap. 22 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson hath lent me a MS. in which is an Inventory of York Church, different from the Latin one in Dugdale's third volume, this being in English, and taken before the Monasticon Anglicanum was talked off [*sic*].

The Dr. hath also lent me a Catalogue of Archbishop Laud's MSS., but 'tis only of some of those he gave to the Univ. of Oxford, and I had seen the same Catalogue before, being in the Register of the Bodl. Library.
 30 Dr. Thomas Smith had a design of writing the Archbishop's Life in Latin, and to have given a particular account of his Benefactions to the University of Oxford.

Mr. Granger's death will bring out the most complete collections of English Coins, now in being. It is whispered that Lord Oxford or Mr. West will purchase them, both very able and willing. His books, I am told, consisted very much in Caxton's, Wynkyn de Worde's, &c.

Ap. 23 (Sun.). Mr. West hath got transcribed from the Cotton Library John Whethamstede's life, and he hath sent it me. I received it yesterday. I must desire of him to let me fit it for the Press, without
 40 transcribing it anew. I had things before of the same nature from the MS. I proposed to print.

Mr. West had not amongst Mr. Graves's Papers his own History of Abbies, which tho' he should be glad to see, yet he believes that good fortune will neither befall himself or me. Mr. West saith, he hath

Ap. 21, 1732. M. Folkes, of Queen Square, London, to H. (Rawl. 5. 83). Has paid two guineas.

Ap. 22, 1732. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 161) [*see* Diary, Ap. 25].

enough and is contented. He was a truly honest man. Mr. West hopes he hath not said too much of him in the Inscription on his Tomb.

Mr. Granger (honest Thomas Granger he was called) hath not left the affluent Fortune some expected he would. His books, coins & every thing are to be sold to pay Creditors.

Ap. 24 (Mon.). Memorandum that many years ago I drew up a Supplement to Mr. Ashmole's Catalogue of the Coins in the Archives of the Bodl. Library. This Supplement I entered with my own hand in their particular places in the 3 volumes of the said Catalogue, which is now remaining in the said Library. Mr. Ray's & several other coins ¹⁰ were given afterwards. These I also digested & placed in particular Drawers, & over each Cell I wrote with my own hand the name of each coin with distinct numbers, referring to the Catalogue I drew up also of these. But this Catalogue is a distinct thing from Mr. Ashmole's three volumes, & it takes in also the Greek coins given by Archbishop Laud, which Mr. Ashmole had taken no notice of, as it does likewise many other coins, given by different benefactors since Mr. Ashmole's time. This distinct Catalogue (which is an Appendix to the other) I keep by me, and 'twas never copied, but the Drawers, it seems, are sold, the numbers & names being first destroyed, and I hear new Boxes are made; divers ²⁰ of the coins being perhaps imbezzled. They were sold last year.

Ap. 25 (Tu.). Mr. Granger's Collection of English coins is not yet disposed of. It is commonly reported that Mr. West has bid double the weight in gold and silver, and that, as I am informed, is a good offer, not to be refused.

Dr. Rawlinson is very busy in digesting and drawing a Catalogue of his late brother Thomas's pamphlets, which he calls the most important part (what I much wonder at) of his Collection.

Mr. Earbery hath lately published at London a very meager account of Dorsetshire, at a monstrous price. Large subscriptions were taken by ³⁰ Mr. Earbery, who afterwards sold the Copy to a bookseller without any Incumbrances, so that many of the early subscribers may give up their subscriptions as lost; or put them to the Charity side, Mr. Earbery being a Non-juror.

Among Thomas Rawlinson's books is a folio Edition of Index Expurgatorius, Matriti, 1612.

Ap. 26 (Wed.). The word *Starrum* was used in all the Law pleadings relating to the Jews, as you will find by instruments printed by Mr. Madox in pp. 153, 156, 161, 162, 165, 168 of his History of the Exchequer. And without all doubt there are other records of like nature ⁴⁰ in Prynn's Demurrer to the Remitter of the Jews into this Realm, which book I have not.

Ap. 25, 1732. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 71). 'Tho' I did not write, I received both your parcels very safe by the care of Mr. Bedford.' Wishes to know about Bishop Atterbury's death and funeral. Hearne signs the letter N.B.

I am therefore satisfied that anciently the Jews called their Instruments Starrs, and so a Jew told me last night, adding however that *Starrum* was a made word by the Lawyers that acted for the Jews, and that the Jews themselves did not use such a termination, but would call it rather in the feminine *starra*. He added, that sometimes the Lawyers, & others, that were not Jews might pronounce it *scharrs*, or *shares*, and that even some Jews themselves might be guilty of such a pronunciation. He observed, that the word *Starr* (which signifies *littera*) for a privilege came from the most eastern people, whence I begin to think that
 10 *Sterling* or *Starling money* is the same with *moneta privilegiata* and that it was a term used by the Eastern people, and even by the Jews, particularly by the Jews in England, for currant [*sic*] money, a thing observed by Richard I, when he went to the Holy Land, & probably a term that he much approved of himself.

When Dr Tanner, now Bp of St. Asaph, was of All Souls, Mr. Edward Stephens, often call Abbot Stephens, first a common Lawyer, afterwards in orders, came to Oxford, and lodged for about two years in St. Thomas's Parish by the Castle Bridge, where he had about half a dozen women or more that communicated (I think daily) with him. He came to the Dr.
 20 (then only Mr. Tanner) in an odd plain Habit, with a palmer's or pilgrim's staff. His coat came a little below his knees, and was a sort of hair cloath, very course [*sic*] indeed, & his other dress agreeable, but he was grave, and tho' remarked, yet he was not laughed at by any considerate persons whatever. This Mr. Edward Stevens had divers singularities with respect to religion, but he was undoubtedly a good sincere man. He struck in with the Greek church. He published Judge Hales's Meditations. He writ and published besides many little things, some practical, others political, he being a Non-juror, of which sometimes he printed but 30 copies or thereabouts, all or most of which are bound up
 30 in one 4^{to} volume in the Bodleian Library, where I placed them, and indeed they are very scarce.

Ap. 27 (Thur.). Dr. Tanner told me yesterday that he hath somewhere among his papers copies of one or more of Margaret Queen of Scotland's letters, she that was sister of Hen. VII, which if he finds he will communicate to me, that I may print them with the others I have proposed to print with Otterbourne and Whethampstede.

Tubney manor in Frilford, Abington, Denchworth, and Offington, with the advowson of the church of Tubney, belonged to the knightly family of the Corbet's of Hadley in Shropshire, afterwards to Sir John
 40 Lenham alias Plomer, of whose widow Margaret, Bp Wainflet bought it in the 19th or 20th of Edw. IV. From a note given me by Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. yesterday.

Dr. Tanner told me yesterday, he had some paper relating to Michael Hudson; he could not tell whether it were his Examination, and the same with what I have printed in Hemingford. If he finds it, he said he will let me have the use of it.

Ap. 28 (Fri.). On Monday morning last, Mr. John Ball received of me at my room in Edm. Hall two fol. thin books, both sealed up, which I had so received some time before from Dr. Rawlinson, one of which was

directed for the Publick Library in Oxford, the other for St. John's College Library in Oxford. Mr. Ball was directed to have then lodged in a very private manner, & not to discover whence they came. His Letter told Mr. Ball to let one, viz. that for St. John's Library, be delivered to Mr. Crynes, the other either to the Head Librarian or else the Under Librarian. Each contains the forms of the new consecrated Catholick Bishops, printed from Copper Plates lately by Dr. Rawlinson, who also gave me a copy in sheets, but these two are bound.

Mr. Anstis in a letter to me from Mortlake of the 4th inst. tells me, that they have at the Heralds office some collections of Dr. Johnson, ¹⁰ relating (as he remembers) chiefly to pedigrees and wrote in a miserable bad hand, which being first in loose papers were afterwards bound into a book. But as Mr. Anstis had not the opportunity at Mortlake of inspecting them, he could not be certain, whether they relate to Yorkshire or Lancashire, he thought to the later [*sic*].

If they relate only to Lancashire, they do not answer what was formerly told, viz. that all or most of his MSS. collections, relating to Yorkshire, were at the Heralds Office, and that they must be large may appear from hence, that he transcribed several of the volumes of Dodsworth's MSS. collections, now in the Bodleian Library, as may ²⁵ appear from Memorandums here and there of Dr. Johnson's own handwriting.

Ap. 29 (Sat.). Dr. Tanner knows very little more of Thomas Otterburn than Leland, Bale & Pitts have said of him, and A. Wood Hist. & Antiq. Oxon. I, p. 76, if he was the same with the Franciscan. For there was one or more secular priests of that name in Ric. II's time: *Thomas de Otterbourn* had a presentation from the Crown to the Rectory of Haddesco in Norfolk, Pat. 7 Ric. II. Thomas Otterburn was instituted to the Rectory of Chingford (Lond. Dioc.) 7 Nov. 1393 (Newcourt II. 148) and as such ordained Priest 19 Sept. 1394. ³⁰

Ap. 30 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Tanner lent me an original Letter of Margaret Q. of Scotland, with copies of divers letters written to her, but I shall transcribe the original one only. As he also lent me several letters, in which there are some particulars about the straits K. Charles I was put to before he left Oxford, what to do with himself, also somewhat very remarkable about his journey to the Scots Army at that time, and about the Scots behaviour to him, with two original letters of Dr. Michael Hudson on that affair, shewing the Scots in that affair to be villains.

Ap. 29, 1732. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 98). Sends ten guineas; asks that the receipt be sent to John's 'Coffe house in Swithin's Ally'.

Ap. 29, 1732. Bishop Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 13). Lends some letters [*see* Diary, Ap. 30].

Ap. 29, 1732. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 290). Thanks for subscriptions.

Ap. 30, 1732. William Holwell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 400). Sends his subscription.

Undated, c. May 1, 1732. West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 324) [*see* Diary, May 8, 9].

May 1 (Mon.). A note relating to *Reliquiae Bodleianae* :

In Praefatione ad hunc librum mentionem feci Appendicis ad Catalogum impressorum librorum in bibliotheca Bodleiana a v. cl. Thoma Hydio editum. Hanc Appendicem duobus voluminibus in folio constantem egomet ipse consignavi. Quem in finem non tantum omnes bibliothecae forulos excussi, sed & quosvis libros sigillatim examinavi, eoque pacto Catalogi prioris errores innumeros correxi, sicuti & librorum quamplurimorum in eodem omissorum titulos recuperavi. Quas quidem omnes omissiones pariter atque correctiones in exemplari quodam interfoliato inserui, ubi & insueramus titulos librorum in bibliotheca post annum 1674 collocatorum, quo sane anno prodiit Catalogus
 10 prior. Hoc facto, opus prelo paravi, totum scilicet ad seriem alphabeti digerendo propriaque manu duobus voluminibus describendo. Labores isti nostri omnibus vehementer placuerunt, qui ut Appendix seorsim prodiret in votis habuerunt, una cum notis illis quibus ornaveramus ad auctores aliquot anonymos aliaque id genus pertinentibus. Tandem vero nonnullis satius visum est ut nova Catalogi Hydiani editio proferatur, Appendixque mea ita cum illa excudatur ut unicum dumtaxat alphabetum conficiat opus integrum. Hinc Appendix nostra (in qua & Musei eciam Ashmoliani libros aliquamultos comprehenderamus, quemadmodum & in singulis collegiis bibliothecarum Catalogos item contexere atque Appendici huic intertexere constitueram) Hydique
 20 Catalogus a Mose Williams Cambro-Britanno, viro diligenti, describuntur, totumque opus, tum nempe Hydii Catalogus quam & Appendix mea nunc temporis sub prelo sudat. Absoluta Appendice ad Catalogum impressorum librorum, illico memet accinxi ad codices MSS. evolvendos; quod & eo feci consilio, ut & cum Appendicem ad Catalogum earundem typis excusum contexerem, tum eciam ut flosculos colligerem ad rem nostram Historicam & Antiquariam maxime spectantes. Atque hoc itidem labore exantlato, tum denique ad gazophylacium accessimus nummarium, non alio utique fine quam ut Eliae Ashmolii v. cl. Catalogum MS. tribus voluminibus comprehensum cum ipsis nummis conferrem; id quod ea profecto qua potui diligentia feci,
 30 supplementumque concinnavi nummos omnes Romanos in Catalogo illo pretermisissos complectens, quolibet nimirum propria mea ipsis manu ordine illo chronologico quo & ipse usus est Ashmolius insertum. Interim non diffitendum hoc supplementum nostrum confectum fuisse antequam Guilielmus Raius, armiger, Anglorum apud Smyrnaeos agentium consul, magnam vim nummorum maxima ex parte Graecorum bibliothecae Bodlianae dono dederit. At ne hos etiam intactos relinquerem, eorum itidem Catalogum confeci, quibus & adjeci nummos perplures ab aliis quibusdam Bibliothecae Bodleianae donatos; inter quos Laudianos etiam non paucos habes, in Catalogo Ashmoliano idcirco omissos (in quo tamen occurrunt alii Laudiani) quia non sint nummi Romani. Hunc
 40 Catalogum penes memetipsum adservo. Appendices autem quas dixi, supplementumque in Bibliotheca ipsa exstant Bodleiana. Haec omnia notavi in gratiam illorum qui sua messe fraudare alios solent, alienosque labores intercipere. Ceterum nec hic silendum memet nummos hosce Raianos &c. suis quemque in capsulis posuisse nominaque cuilibet propria manu adsignasse, ita scilicet ut primo intuitu a nostra scriptura lector & inspector plane intelligeret quorumnam essent nummi quos ob oculos haberet. At hec nomina non tantum erasa esse fertur, sed & compertum sane habeo capsulas ipsas A.D. 1731 venditas fuisse.

50 **May 2 (Tu.).** In an old evidence in Magd. Coll. Treasury is mention of Symon de Fauflor, which Fauflor I take to be the same with Fagesflore, mentioned in p. 182 of the Black Book of the Exchequer.

Franciscus Bradshawe, S.T.D., rector rectorie de Tubney VIII die Junii anno nono Jacobi primi, uti constat ex instrumento quodam in coll. B. Mariae Oxon.

May 3 (Wed.). Mr. George Wigan was some time since Student of Xt Church, where he was a great and a very good Tutor. Leaving that place, he became Principal of New Inn Hall upon the death of Dr. Brabant, but, what hath been much wondered at, he hath not had so much as one Gownsmen entered at it ever since he had it, but shutting up the Gate altogether, he wholly lives in the Country, whereas 'twas expected that he being a Disciplinarian & a sober studious regular and learned man, would have made it flourish in a most remarkable manner. He hath been a great while (as I hear) about a work concerning the Types of Scripture, he being well versed in Hebrew. I hear he hath, since he¹⁰ hath been in the Country, got considerable knowledge in the British Language.

May 4 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. May 1, 1732 :—

The Rev. Dr. Best, Minister of St. Laurence Jewry, is lately married to Miss West, a young Lady of £5000 fortune.

Yesterday Mr. William Dodwell, son of the late famous Mr. Henry Dodwell, called upon me and told me, he should take the Degree of M.A. this Easter Term, and that he designed, if he could take a Title, to go into orders next Trinity Sunday.

There are three daughters of said famous Mr. Dodwell, the youngest of which is married to Mr. —, an undertaker for Funerals in Reading, a strict Non-juror, not going to the publick churches, as she also does not. The eldest of the said three daughters is not yet married. The second of them is married to one Mr. James Smith, Master of the Hospital of Stoke Poghes in Bucks, and Rector of Cottesford in Oxfordshire, & vicar of Hurley in Berks. He took the degree of Bach. of Arts as a member of Brazenose Coll. Oxford, but he had the degree of M.A. at Cambridge.

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Mr. Geo. Marriner of St. Peter's in the East was born May 1674 at Hagbourn near Wallingford.

Mr. John Collis, butler of Mag. Coll., was born Nov. 5, 1680.

Mrs. Katharine Tasker, now the wife of John Tasker of Ashford Mill (near Woodstock) in the parish of Northleigh was born anno 1700. He is her second husband.

Ap. 19 1732, Mr. William Tongue of St. Peter's in the East died, shoemaker; buried in St. Peter's Church Yard Apr. 20.

Mr. Mathews, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, victualler, was born in 1681.

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May 5, 1732 (Fri.). The MS. of Thomas Otterbourne in the Cotton Library, that I print from, is that of *Vitellius* F ix. 3 (which is now half burnt) and reaches from Brute to Henry V.

There is another Chronicle in that Library, beginning with the same words as Otterbourne, *Nacto olim otio a tumultu seculi* (but without

Otterbourne's name) which ends in Ed. III, *Julius* A. viii. This is the older MS. and is saved from the late Fire.

But 'tis the first is the most valuable MS. by far, tho' I cannot tell from whence it was taken. 'Tis probable the same that Mr. Stowe used, who quotes Otterbourne for matters in the 5th year of Hen. V.

May 6 (Sat.). There are many good historical notes relating to Publick Affairs, nowhere else to be met with, in Jo. Wethamstede's books, viz. *Gestorum ejus in prelatura sua prima* (MS. Cotton Claudius D. 1) and *Gestorum ejus in prelatura sua secunda* (MS. in Coll. Armorum),
 10 especially in this last. His paternal name was Bostock, as Dr. Tanner found in a note of Mr. Wharton's, but upon his profession, as a Religious, he took the other name from his native town, which being so near St. Alban's, makes it very improbable that ever he should have been a monk of Gloucester, as Pits suggests.

Johannes Wethamsted monachus sancti Albani ordinatus Presbyter in ecclesia sancti Pauli London, per Robertum episcopum Londoniensem, 20 Sept. 1382 (Reg. Braybrook episcopi Lond'), and if he could not be canonically ordained Priest in those times till 30, or at least 25 years, this venerable man must be above 100 years old when he died in 1464. He
 20 was Prior of Tinmouth, a cell to St. Alban's, and as such was present at the election of John Moote abbat Oct. 1396, and of abbat Will. Heyworth Nov. 1401 (MS. *Bened'*). Dr. Tanner hath seen a note of Brian Twine's in the margin of Bale, that Whethamstede was some time Prior of the Benedictine monks students in Glocester Hall Oxford, was Prior of the Abbey of St. Alban's when elected first abbot 1420, was one of the Proctors of the English nation at the Councils of Pavy and Sene 1423 & 1424. *Johannes Whethamstede, S. T. P.* was instituted to the Rectory of Comerd¹ P. in com. Suffolk 1446, which he resigned in 1449 (Reg. Norwic. episcoporum); this might be during the time he quitted the Abbacy.²

30 The said notes I had from Dr. Tanner, Bp of St. Asaph, in a Letter from New Palace Yard, Westminster, Mar. 4, 1731, signifying that he should be able to give more account of him when he came to Oxford, but he hath not done it yet.

May 7 (Sun.). Fr. Thinn, in his list of English Historians, at the end of Hollinshed, was the first, that Dr. Tanner observed mentioning *Giraldus Cornubiensis* (whom he makes different from *Giraldus Cambrensis*); but since, he hath met with him quoted often by Tho. Rudburn in his Winchester History, who refers to Gir. Cornub. *de gestis Britonum* Lib. I, cap. 8 (Angl. Sacr. I. 182) & Lib. III, cap. 8 (ibid. p. 186); and to
 40 Girald. Cornub. *de gestis regum Westsaxonum* Lib. III cap. 16 (ibid. p. 189). What he or Gir. Cambr. writ *de Guidone Warwicensi* Dr. Tanner never saw. I know what Bale & Pits say of Walter of Exeter's writing the Life of Guy, E. of Warwick.

May 8 (Mon.). Mr. West gives me the Transcript he procured from

¹ Query, Combs.—Ed.

² A Benedictine monk could not be instituted rector.—Ed.

the Cotton Library, of the Acts of John Whethamstede, by Letter I received last night from London.

There are coins of Ric. II and Ric. III in Mr. Granger's and Mr. West's own collection, but Mr. West says he is not able to mark out any particular difference in their Effigies. He thinks the only way of distinguishing them that he knows of is by their weight, relation being had to the Indentures of the Mint in each King. But sure there is a particular difference, Ric. III being represented with an ugly shrivelled face in that which I have seen in Dr. Tanner's hands, contrary to that of Ric. II which I formerly saw in Mr. Willis's collection.

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May 9 (Tu.). To enquire of Mr. Baker, whether Dr. Sancroft, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, did not always affect a single life. I think he always studiously avoided the encumbrances of matrimony.

Mr. West hath many of Mr. Graves's Papers in his possession. Mr. Graves only concerned himself about his own Family; and the abbies of Evesham, Teuxbury & Ensham, to which his Estate had belonged, were the only religious Houses he designed to have given an account of, but how far he had advanced in his book I know not.

Roger Gale Esq. hath bought Mr. Graves's coins for 24 guineas, being chiefly Roman.

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I remember he had some good Greek ones. He was chiefly at last for procuring coins found any where at or about Campden, having some design of giving us the History and Antiquities of that Place.

May 10 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond. May 8, 1732:—

About a week since died at London of the Stone, in the 66th year of his age, at his house in Soho Square, the Right Hon. Thomas Parker, Earl and Baron of Macclesfield, and Viscount Parker of Ewelme in the County of Oxford. He was Custos Rotulorum for the county of Warwick, one of the Governors of the Charter-house, High Steward of Henley upon Thames, one of the Commissioners for building the 50 new churches and F.R.S. He was Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the reign of Queen Anne and appointed Lord Chancellor the 20th of May, 1718, which last high office he held till the year 1725. He was three times one of the Lords Justices of England. He has left Issue one son and one daughter, and is succeeded in Honour and Estate by his said son, George Lord Viscount Parker, one of the Tellers of the Exchequer.

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As for the said son, he is a meer fool, as it were, and as for the Father he was a great Villain and a very great enemy to the Non-jurors, and 'twas he that was, among many others, so implacable to the late B^p of Rochester, Dr. Atterbury. He formerly pretended much to mathematicks, and indeed he would be thought good in all sciences, and even in the Oriental Tongues, so that he was not even that compleat Lawyer he might have been, had he kept only to that Profession, nor indeed was he perfectly skilled in any one thing. He took a great deal of pains, and would sit up late at night at his books.

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May 11 (Thur.). To ask the B^p of St. Asaph, Dr. Tanner, whether he knows any thing about Bliburg Church in Suffolk, in which I am told is much Curiosity. Also what he knows about Samuel Shuckford who

hath published two books about Scripture Chronology. To ask Dr. Richardson and Mr. Baker, whether in a journey into Scotland, it may be safe travelling for two or three persons out of the High Roads, if they have a mind to seek antiquities, and to go into by Roads, & particularly if they have a desire to trace the Picts Wall from one end to the other.

May 12 (Fri.). On Monday last, Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. gave me a silver coin of Valens. 'Tis a coin of good note, particularly for the make of the Letters, done so as hardly to be made out. It is of the year of X^t 364. There are of them in Bodley, but not so remarkable as this.

¹⁰ **May 13 (Sat.).** King Charles II used to walk prodigiously fast. He mightily admired Nell Quin or Gwyn, a very fine Girl, & of a most beautifull round face.

This day I wrote a Letter to Dr. Richardson of North Bierly in Yorkshire, to know if there be any danger in travelling into the north out of the common roads into By-Roads.

Mr. Stephen Penton used always, if the weather would permitt, to walk to his Parsonage of Glympton near Woodstock on Saturdays from Edm. Hall, of which he was Principal.

To ask Mr. West what Inscription is on the reverse of his coins of ²⁰ Ric. II.

On Tuesday last about four Clock in the afternoon, my sister Dean, whose maiden name was Anne Hearne, was brought to Bed of a daughter.

Our Kings and Queens would formerly keep their X^tmass at Abingdon Abbey. See Tho. Otterbourne p. 246.

To inquire who was Author of The compleat Parish officer.

To inquire for *The Clergyman's daily Companion*.

May 14 (Sun.). In my letter yesterday to Dr. Richardson, I likewise asked him, whether it be best to go by Land or by Water from Edinburgh to St. Andrews and Aberdeen. I put these Queries for the sake of ³⁰ Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. who designs to visit those parts.

The Bull, that Sir James Ware hath printed in his Annals of H. VII, relating to the sollicitation for canonizing of Hen. VI is the same with Dr. Brady's MS. copy, only the Doctor's is signed at the Conclusion as usuall in Bulls, Sigismundus—J. de Comitibus.

To tell Mr. Vansittart, that Sir Roger Mostyn Bart. hath many old charters and evidences belonging to the College of Shottesbrooke. Mr. Vansittart hath the estate of Shottesbrooke. I never saw the said evidences that Sir Roger hath, nor indeed any MS. that be hath, it being difficult to get a sight of any of his MSS., so that perhaps it may ⁴⁰ be better to say nothing to Mr. Vansittart, unless there were any good prospect of success.

Dr. William Watts (who was of Caius Coll. in Camb.) had an especial hand in Sir Hen. Spelman's Glossary. See Wood's Ath. Vol. I, ed. 2, col. 210.

May 14, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 62) [*see* Diary, May 29, 30, June 2].

May 15 (Mon.). This day Mr. Loveday set out for Ireland and after his return thence he intends for Scotland.

Mr. Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., hath just printed two Sermons against Infidelity and Atheism, that he preached some time since at St. Marie's, Oxon.

To enquire concerning Mr. John Bridall, alias Brydle, a Lieutenant in one of the Regiments of Schollers & Gent., rayed by advise of the Lords & Commons at Oxford, an. 1645, condemned to die att a court of Warre; the proceedings against him, his Defence &c. 4^{to} die Septembris, 1645. I remember nothing of it in Mr. Wood, nor can I find any thing about it ¹⁰ at the Museum Ashm.; I must ask Dr. Tanner, also Mr. Rawlins of Pophills, who hath some of Mr. Wood's papers.

May 16 (Tu.). The one author of the chartes or maps, which bear the name of Christopher Saxton, was (as it seems to me) Mr. Thomas Sackforde, mentioned by Hollinshed as a worthie Gentleman, but I know not whether he were of any University.

Reyne Wolfe spent 25 years hard labour in collecting an universal Cosmographie of the whole world, in which he inserted the particular Histories of England, Scotand, and Ireland. 'Twas from him that Hollinshed, in great measure, took his Historie. ²⁰

The Bull in Henry VIII time, for inquiry about Hen. VI, for whose Canonization Hen. VIII was solicitous, as Hen. VII had been, Mr. Baker doubts is hardly to be met with, only referred to in Mr. Strype's Eccl. Memorials Vol. I, cap. 14. His account is very short & defective.

This evening at 5 clock Magd. Coll. bell went for Mr. George Cox, who (they said) died yesterday. He was Fellow of that College, & was Son of the late Mr. Peter Cox Esq., beadle of Arts in the Univ. of Oxford. This Mr. George Cox took the Degree of M.A., as a member of Magd. Coll. on July 11, 1718. He was a man of Parts, but a very great Drinker, which killed him. He married a pretty Girl, his Bedmaker's daughter, ³⁰ by whom he hath children. Notwithstanding his marriage he kept his Fellowship. [He died at his mother's House in Holywell, and was buried at Holywell on Thursday night, May 18.]

May 17 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. May 15:—

London, May 9. Yesterday the Corpse of the Right Hon. the Earl of Macclesfield was privately interred at Sherbourn in Dorsetshire.

It should be *Oxfordshire*.

Hollinshed in his Catalogue of Authors before the first vol. of the first edition mentions Adam Merimowth, with additions. Such additions are in the MS. of Magd. Coll., but they are printed in other Authors. Also ⁴⁰ Bermondsey, a Register boke belonging to that house. Also Chronica de Dunstable, a booke of Annales belonging to the Abbey there. Perhaps the same with that in the Cotton Library of which L^d Oxford hath a Transcript by H. Wanely. Also Chronica de Eyton, an historie belonging to that colledge, although compiled by some Northernman, as some suppose named Otherborne. I am not acquainted at Eaton, and must therefore mention it to Mr. Baker, who may upon occasion mention such

a particular to some Cambridge man. The printed Catalogue as I remember speaks of no such Book.

May 18 (Thur.). Mr. Taylor, the new Librarian of Cambridge, is now very busy in the Library. Mr. Baker hath given him a memorandum about Juliana Barnes. But if they have her Book, it is very uncertain whether amongst the MSS. or printed Books.

May 19 (Fri.). Having in my discourse on the Chichester Inscription, printed at the beginning of Adam de Domesday, mentioned (& that very justly) the ill treatment of some sacred monuments, particularly of those
10 formerly in All Hallows Church, Oxon., now lying next the street without the church, the Society of Lincoln College (particularly the present Rector of that College), Mr. Vesey, Mr. Hutchins &c., Fellows thereof, are so well pleased with my observation, that they have several times told me that the Stones shall be removed into the Church again, or else that Pallisadoes shall be raised to secure them from farther prophanation, adding that those likewise, that were also removed out of the Church, & not long ago lay in the Belfry, shall be placed again in the Church. But then Mr. John Brereton, senior Fellow of the College & the present minister of All
20 Hallows, is averse from having it done, & so resents my just observation that meeting him yesterday going to All Hallows Church, just as he was entering into the Church Yard next Lincoln College, I took the opportunity of congratulating him & the College upon what I heard would be done with respect to the Stones; upon which he fell into a passion & used very scurrilous & opprobrious language, which is what I have been several times told he also hath used more than once before upon the same occasion, particularly when he was first shewed the passage. Which
30 needed not be wondered at, considering that I never could find him to be a man of a true publick Spirit, he having formerly declared an unwillingness, that the Historical Passages in Gascoigne's Theological Dictionary should be published, notwithstanding now that I have printed them they
prove very usefull, and are extremely well received by good men & such as are lovers of truth, & would have virtue flourish, & vice & wickedness exposed.

May 20 (Sat.). Yesterday morning in a Convocation at nine clock William Bromley Esq. was created Dr. of Civil Law. He was in Town himself with his Lady. He was formerly Gentleman Commoner of Christ Church, and was my intimate acquaintance, as he shews a true friendship since. He is the eldest son living of the late Hon. William Bromley Esq. He is Member of Parliament for Warwick. The Convocation was thin.
40 The Vice-Chancellor with Dr. Shippen &c. attended Mr. Bromley from the Angel-Inn to the Convocation House. He was presented by Dr. Henry Brooke of All Souls College.

May 18, 1732. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 174). Corrects several errors in the French in H.'s Hemingford. 'As for the Inscription on the silver plate, a Greek Priest says 'tis Muscovite. When I have the Reading and Interpretation I will transmit it to you.'

'Una pecia panni aurei quinque virgarum preter unum nayle' in an old parchment roll of the year 1519 shewed me yesterday by Mr. Vesey of Lincoln College.

When we know surely what MSS. in the Cotton Library were consumed in the late fire, it would be a good design in Mr. Palmer and others, to print such Transcripts (taken from thence) as are considerable. Mr. Baker's Collections (as himself tells me by Letter) are few and at second hand.

May 21 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Tanner gave me leave to print all, or any, of the Letters he lent me, relating to K. Charles 1st's escape from Oxford. I then restored those Letters.

He shewed me an original Letter of K. James II, then Duke of York, written at Oxford, desiring about 200 libs. for necessaries. I cannot tell to whom 'twas written, the Leaf with the Seal and Superscription being, as I remember, off.

Dr. Tanner hath got, & he then shewed me 'Rememoratorium Johannis de Cranden, Prioris ecclesie cathedralis Eliensis, de diversis sectis pro expedicione variorum negociorum, ecclesiam suam Eliensem tangencium, in curia domini regis &c. anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi nono'. It is upon Paper as thick as Cloth, and tho' perhaps Linnen, yet 'tis so altered by time, as now in a manner it seems to be cloth. It is only the fragment of an whole book of it.

Mr. Baker knows nothing of Mr. George Whetstone. He will enquire further.

May 22 (Mon.). At the same time Mr. Bromley was at the Angel, was there also, with his Lady, John Walcote of Walcot in Shropshire, Esq. His Lady is a very fine young Woman, and they were married but this day sennight, being May 15. This Mr. Walcote was some time since Gentleman Commoner of Magd. Coll. Oxon. as a member of which he was created M.A., Mar. 6, 1719. The Vice-Chancellor called upon Mr. Bromley at the Angel when he went to the Convocation House, where attended also Dr. Shippen and Lord Noel (brother of the Duke of Beaufort) and Mr. Isham, Rector of Linc. College. Mr. Bromley dined the day before, viz. on Thursday May 18, with Dr. Shippen at Brazenose, on purpose to talk with Dr. Shippen about purchasing Black Hall, in order to erect Dr. Radcliffe's Library, Mr. Bromley & Mr. Harley being lately made two of the Trustees.

Dr. Conybeare, Rector of Exeter Coll., hath just published an 8^{vo} book against Collins's or Tyndale's Christianity as old as the Creation, & dedicated it to Gibson, Bishop of London, who (he says) put him upon it.

One Henry Stephens, A.B. of Merton Coll., hath translated the said Gibson's three Pastoral Letters into Latin, & dedicated them to Gibson, being printed in 8^{vo}. This Stephens's uncle was of Merton Coll., where he was Fellow & Head Rector. This young Stephens's father was Mr. John Stephens, a careless Oxford bookseller, who broke, and died in the Western Plantations. This young Stephens hath printed some poems.

May 23 (Tu.). Dr. Tanner told me the other day that he knew

nothing about Col. John Bridall, nor did he remember that he ever saw him mentioned in any paper of Mr. Wood's.

Yesterday Mr. James West came to Oxford in the evening in his way to Worcestershire & went on this morning. He shewed me last night (he and I spending the evening together) a Spur Royal in gold of Ric. II. The King's effigies, in a ship, with a plump face. It is in Speed, only Speed hath quite misrepresented it. Whence Mr. West procured it I know not. He says there is no one besides. He hath also a silver halfpenny of Ric. II; also a silver groat of Ric. II.

¹⁰ **May 24 (Wed.).** From the Northampton Mercury for Mond.
May 22 :—

London, May 16. We hear a fine monument is going to be erected at Sherburn in Oxfordshire to the Memory of the late Earl of Macclesfield, though we said in our last, by a wrong information, that his Lordship was interred at Sherburn in Dorsetshire.

Mr. West shewed me an Angel in Gold of Ric. II, which is exactly the same with Dr. Tanner's, but the head of Ric. II being not upon it, I looked upon it only as an angel & nothing more.

The Crown on Ric. II^d's head on his silver groat is an open Crown, and
²⁰ not an imperial one.

He also shewed me a silver halfpenny of Ric. III : the face is ugly and the Crown on him is an open Crown.

May 25 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond.
May 22 :—

Last Friday night (May 12) the Corpse of the Rev. Dr. Atterbury, late Bishop of Rochester, was interred in his Vault in Westminster Abbey (near Secretary Cragg's monument) in a decent and private manner, attended by William Morrice Esq., his son-in-law, and his two Chaplains, the Rev. Dr. Savage & and the Rev. Mr. Moore. On the urn which contained his Bowels
³⁰ &c. was inscribed 'In hac urna depositi sunt cineres Francisci Atterburii, episcopi Roffensis'.

The said Bishop died in his banishment at Paris, but what day I know not yet. He died, I am told, pretty suddenly of a fit of the Gout in his Stomach. He was by permission brought into England, & with some difficulty had leave to be buried in Westminster Abbey. He was a man of most incomparable Parts, was a most excellent writer in English (no one more elegant) and had a very sharp pen. He was deprived of his Bishoprick. The speech, which goes under the name of Dr. Sacheverell, was really done (at least chiefly) by B^p Atterbury. I was acquainted with
⁴⁰ him, and I remember that some years ago, he being then Dean of Carlisle, upon his coming to Oxford, he happened to be talking in Christ Church Quadrangle upon a Sunday, just as he was coming from Church, and I being coming from Church also, it was asked by one of the Company, what brought him to Oxford. 'On purpose' says he 'to be acquainted with that man' meaning the writer of these matters. This I was told afterwards by the person to whom the words were spoke by the Dean, I being, when they were uttered, at a great distance from him. At that time accordingly he became acquainted with me & I assisted him in many

things relating to our English History and Antiquities, he being at that time particularly considering the 39 Articles, especially the clause about decreeing Ceremonies in the 20th Article, about which 'Priestcraft in Perfection' had wrote & was answered by Mr. Bedford.

May 26 (Fri.). Bliburg Church in Suffolk is a curious thing. Anna, K. of the East Angles, is said to be buried in it, but the tomb they shew for it is not of that age but much later and had formerly brasses round it. The Church is likewise much later than Saxon times.

Mr. Samuel Shuckford hath published a volume or two of chronology and hath some skill, but he knows nothing of English History and Antiquities.

Mr. Holman's Collections for Essex are about being printed. One or two parts are published, being, it seems, to come out monthly.

Mr. West soon after his death offered an 100 libs. for the MSS., but 'twas for My Lord Oxford.

One Mr. Horsley hath published *Britannia Romana*, as Mr. West told me, a large Folio, taking in all the Roman inscriptions he could meet with relating to Britain, with discourses upon them. The Book is about four Guineas price in the large Paper.

Mr. Pecke hath published a folio book of Letters &c., many of which he had from Mr. Baker, but 'tis a book of no character, no better than his Stanford, he being a man of no Judgment.

Mr. West hath 3 sisters. The eldest was married near two years since to Mr. Rasure. The second is unmarried, but like to be married soon. The youngest was lately married to Dr. Best, who had been Mr. West's Tutor in Balliol College. They are all handsome, but the youngest is the handsomest.

Dr. Davies of Cambridge's books will shortly be exposed to sale. A catalogue will be printed with the Prices markt, upon which account I shall be glad to see it, but (which I wonder at) there being no old Editions of the Classicks among them, I am not very solicitous about them, especially too since there is nothing of our History and Antiquities, which he did not mind.

Bp Tanner told me yesterday, that he had formerly several Letters from Holman of Essex, and that he had considerable skill in Antiquities, notwithstanding his being a Presbyterian.

Dr. Hutton's MSS. Collections are contained in 30 volumes, I think in 8vo. Bp Tanner borrows them 4 at a time of my Lord Oxford, whose they are now. They are, as I take it, thick volumes in a small Hand. There are many very curious things in them.

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May 27 (Sat.). Mr. Baker hath seen Bp Fleetwood's Bishops and Deans of St. Asaph (Mr. Wharton's book interleaved). The account of Bp Peacock stands there, as printed by me [viz. being sent to Thorney] in my Preface to Walter Hemingford, only instead of *small* he has *Fuell*, which probably is the true reading. The Account of Deans is very imperfect, & yet he had seen Bp Kennet's notes, at least of Bishops.

'Tis also *Fuell* in the learned MSS. notes to Godwin in the hands of Mr. William Brome of Herefordshire. The author of these notes was Dr. Hutton of Aynoe.

Carfax or Carfaus, Quadrivium, was a common word in Hen. VII's time & the beginning of Hen. VIII's for a place where four ways meet. See Vol. 133 of these Collections, p. 63.

May 28 (Whit-Sunday). There were some Observations on *Godwin de Presulibus* printed in one of the numbers of the Bibliotheca Literaria, but they were done from Mr. Wood's book in the Ashm. Museum, and only part taken in. Mr. (now Dr.) Jebb was the person that communicated or published them. I think there is nothing in Mr. Wood's book about *Godwin's Catalogus episcoporum Batho-Wellensium*,
 10 that I am now about publishing.

Mr. Bell hath got a short life of W. Bateman, bishop of Norwich, of good antiquity; if it will do me any service, I may command a Copy.

I hear the Book of the Antiquities of Dorsetshire, that Mr. Earbery hath published, is a small thin folio, & that 'twas not done by himself, but by one Coker, who lived many years since. Quaere?

May 29 (Mon.). Mr. Baker in a Letter from Cambridge of the 14th inst. sent me the Account of Lieut. Bridall, alias Brydle's Affair, & 'tis remarkable. I know not of what House this Bridall was, but he was a Scholar, and a stout couragious man, and a great friend of the Univer-
 20 sity Privileges. He denied Subjection to the Governor of Oxford, Collonel Legg, who charged him with mutiny. He was Lieutenant of one of the Regiments of Souldiers raised by the University, and exempt from the Authority of the Governour. At a Council of War, in which the Governor Col. Legg was President, he was condemned to be shot to death. Upon this the matter was referred to the house of Commons then at Oxford, and 'twas considered by them, Sept. 8, 1645. He claimed and insisted upon his Privilege, & the Commons favoured him. What became of it I do not yet learn, but suppose that, the Commons interposing, he was pardoned.

30 **May 30 (Tu.).** Yesterday being the Restoration of K. Charles II, the Sermon at St. Marie's before the Univ. was preached by Mr. James Creed, Vice-Principal of Edm. Hall.

Mr. Baker hath lately, amongst the late B^p of Ely Dr. Moore's books (which being in heaps, much of that Treasure is yet concealed) met with *Historia Persecutionis Catholicae & Conspirationis Presbyterianae*, wrote by F. Warner, *Regi Jacobo secundo a sacris & (I think) a Confessionibus*. It contains many things curious, yet undiscovered, especially concerning the late Popish Plot, but Mr. Baker doubts, hardly any one bold enough will be found to publish it. It seems to have been found amongst that
 40 King's Books, when his Study was rifled. Mr. Baker hath two or three of these Books, reserved from plunder, & hath put his name upon 'em.

May 31 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mond.
 May 29:—

We hear that Mr. Morrice has attended the Secretaries Office, in order to

May 30, 1732. Jane Hearne to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 390). Thanks for the token. Is living with her son-in-law, Thomas Carter, in Wargrave parish.

May 30, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 68) [see Diary, June 3].

receive the Papers of the late most Rev. Bishop Atterbury, amongst which are several of great Value, particularly an *Harmonia Evangelica*, drawn up in a new, clearer, and more exact Method than any yet published, much preferable to those heavy German Labours on that Subject, which have so long loaded the Press, and engrossed the less illuminated Judgments of Mankind. It is said also, that the aforesaid Prelate (esteemed a Critick in Latin and English Poetry, as appears from his Latin Translation of Dryden's Absalom and Achitophel &c.) has translated *Virgil's Georgicks*, which he sent to a Friend with the following Lines prefixed, in which he seems to have discovered a spirit of Prophecy, as well as that fine easy Diction and noble sentiments for 10 which he was remarkable :

Hec ego lusi

Ad Sequanae ripas, Tamesino a flumine longe
Jam senior, fractusque, sed ipsa morte meorum,
Quos colui, patriaeque memor, neque degener usquam.

There is very lately dead the Rev. Mr. William Lowth, Prebendary of Winchester and Rector of Burton near Petersfield in Hampshire. He was Author of those excellent Commentaries on the Prophets and other useful Books in Divinity.

He was formerly Fellow of St. John's Coll. in Oxford, as a Member 20 of which he took the Degree of M.A., Mar. 31, 1683, and that of B.D., Oct. 17, 1688.

June 1 (Thur.). Juliana Barns, alias Berner's Book according to the Oxford Catalogue, was printed anno 1486, and this book in Bodley among Mr. Selden's books I have often looked over formerly.

Dr. Davies's Catalogue is not yet printed. I doubt they will be at a plunge to fix the Prices, and without that 'twill not be valued by curious men.

June 2 (Fri.). The Yelverton Collection of MSS. is invaluable & being of public use, the Commons having great & noble Designs (as 30 appears by their Address in the Votes) it is hoped they will add 'em to the Cotton Library.

Mr. Earbery hath lately published a little thing in 8^{vo} about Hereditary Right, levelled particularly against that celebrated Book, for which Mr. Hilckiah Bedford was prosecuted, called *Hereditary Right*, at which design of Mr. Earbery many honest men are pretty much surprized.

Archbishop Sancroft, when Preb. of Durham, was inclined to Matrimony, and was fitting up his House to that purpose, as appears by Original Letters betwixt him & Bp Cosin, of which more I might have from Mr. Baker, if I had any concern in the Enquiry, as indeed I have 40 not more than to justify his character of being a most primitive Bp and a man of an unspotted Life. Mr. Baker never met with more than one original letter from Bp Cosin's son (it is a handsome one); & from thence it seems to appear that the Lady, whome Dr. Sancroft did affect, was a *Neile*, but what became of her, or of that Amour, Mr. Baker does not find.

June 3 (Sat.). Mr. Baker in his Letter of May 30th last from Cambridge tells me that since his last he had perused F. Warner's *Historia Persecutionis*, &c., and whereas I told him, it might deserve to be printed, he doubts it will be hard to find that bold man, that will 50

venture to give it an Edition. It effectually confutes the late Popish Plot, already done pretty fully by Mr. Echard & B^r Burnet, but it contains severall curious particulars not mentioned nor perhaps known by them, nor perhaps any other, except the King & the Duke.

He says, if Mr. Loveday designs to visit the Picts Wall, he thinks, he may do it very safely; Mr. Baker hath been there many years ago, & found it as safe travelling there as in any other part of England. He presumes he takes a Servant with him.

June 4 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. William Beckett of Abbington, 10 chirurgeon, told me he had got a Transcript of a MS. Life of Dr. John Caius. He said it was in Italian and was transcribed from the Original in the Author's own hand. He said 'twas short.

Francis Littel's father was probably of Bray in Berks. The said Francis Littel drew up the account of Abbington Hospital.

Mr. Beckett at the same time told me he had seen a fine Picture somewhere about Brentford, representing Q. Elizabeth sitting, & the Earl of Leyrcester asleep with his head upon her knee, & that the Queen holds up her hand to some just entering at the door, thereby signifying that the person should keep silence & not enter.

June 5 (Mon.). Thomas Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire Esq. 20 hath not yet received the Rev. Mr. Humphry Smith's MS., which he wrote about Dr. Pocock's Life, which I told him he ought by all means to get in order to compile what he intends about Dr. Pocock for the Public. He hath been informed that Mr. Smith's study has been divided part to one Mr. Burscough, and part to Exeter Church [*sic*]. He is in quest about this affair and I directed him particularly to inquire of the Gentlemen of Exeter College.

Mr. Rawlins hath many Papers of Mr. Anthony a Wood's, which he hath not yet looked over, but he designs it, and will send me an account 30 if he meets with any thing curious or worthy of my observation.

The prettiest young Woman in Abbington now is the Daughter of one Mr. Sexton of that Place. She is about 17 or 18 years of age, & is looked upon as a compleat Beauty. She hath a great affection for one Mr. John Crossley¹ who was lately denied to proceed to Physick at Oxford, tho' he took the degree of M.A. as a member of St. Mary Hall, Oct. 23, 1725. This Crossley was first a Barber in Oxford, then he was entered (or at least was a servant to some one) in Exeter College, and afterwards was of St. Mary Hall. When he was of Exeter Coll. he had a Bastard laid to him, & I have been told of other Pranks of his in the 40 Country; I know not how justly he may be accused, perhaps out of spite & malice; for I have been told (for I knew him not by sight) that he is an ingenious man, & hath done considerable cures.

c. **June 5, 1732. H. to Thomas Rawlins** (Rawl. 9. 18). Has received his letter of Ap. 17. In Otterbourne H. will have 'occasion to mention your name, as I did in Hemingford'.

¹ Marginal note: 'They are since married'.

I have been told that Mickleton's Ancient Rites & Monuments of the Church of Durham (a little book published many years ago by Davies of Kidwelly) was sometime since reprinted. Quaere ?

Dr. Thomas Barlow, Bp of Lincoln, used to speak very meanly of that Book, but he being a great Calvinist, his Judgment on that account ought not to be regarded.

June 6 (Tu.). There seems to have been a chantry at Cockrup or Cockthrop near Witney in Oxfordshire. Quaere about it. At that place formerly was a fine well, which was celebrated for doing some cures. There was also a sort of Hermitage. The common people say that ¹⁰ Cockthrop is mother church to Ducklington, tho' now it be only a chapell of ease to it, and 'tis at Ducklington that they now bury. The Floor of Cockthrop Church was nothing but the Ground, till a few years since Lord Harcourt paved it, which they say however cost him nothing, he cutting down trees enough about the Church Yard to defray the Charges. The said Lord Harcourt also made the Church Yard much less than it had been.

This being the day before the beginning of the Term, the Latin Sermon before the Univ. at St. Marie's was preached by that most impudent Fellow Mr. John Bilstone, chaplain of All Souls College, tho' ²⁰ he is said to be ignorant of Latin.

June 7 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. June 5 :—

London, June 3. Yesterday the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Raymond, the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir John Hinde Cotton, and Mr. Handbury, Trustees of the Cotton Library, ordered the said Library to be removed from ¹ the new Dormitory (which is fitting up for that purpose) to be there repositied, till a new Edifice shall be erected for the Reception thereof; which we hear will be very speedily begun, pursuant to the Address of [the] Commons.

Mr. Loveday took ship from Holyhead for Dublin on the 1st inst. ³⁰

This day called upon me in the forenoon Mr. Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire. He told me that my late Friend Mr. Graves of Mickleton's collection of books was but small, but that 'twas very good.

This day I wrote to Mr. Loveday, as he directed, ordering the Letter to be left at the Post House in Beaumaris till called for. I wrote to him to let him know, as I was assured by Dr. Richardson & Mr. Baker, that 'tis safe travelling by the Picts Wall even from one end of it to the other.

June 8 (Thur.). There came lately from University College to Edmund Hall one Bennet, a Bachelour of Arts, a man of a most wretched, ⁴⁰ debauched, impudent and vile Life. He is Usher under his father at the Free School in Bangor. He has the Curacy of Llandigay, about two miles from Bangor; there it is that Bp Williams was buried; at Penrhyn, the seat in this Parish, was born (in the same house that Williams dyed) Mr. Henry Edmunds, first of Jesus College, now Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, his father being Agent for the Gentleman belonging to the

¹ Hearne adds 'Sic. Forte to'.

Estate, by which he got a very large fortune. Bennet's father was of Wadham College, contemporary with Dr. Trapp. He seems, as I have been told, to be a sensible man, & yet I have heard it said again, that he also has but an indifferent Character himself.

Mr. Loveday is confirmed in the opinion, that Binsey Church Tower is the true representation of a British Tower, he having seen so many of this kind in his present Journey.

In Rowland's *Mona antiqua* (which I have formerly just looked into) are several Letters from E. Llwyd, one giving an account of his hardships
 10 in Bretagne, which I have heard Mr. Llwyd mention.

Mr. Rawlins of Pophills hath got a small 4^{to} MS., perhaps about 4 or 5 sheets, all of Mr. Wood's own hand-writing, & intirely relating to Merton College, being only Adversaria not digested. He hath also many loose Papers, written by Mr. Wood's own hand, about that College.

Mr. Tipping of Coventre, author of the Lady's Diary, collected curious things for the history of Coventre. After Tipping's death, one Mr. Fetherston Paston, an Attorney of Coventre, got those Papers from Tipping's widow. Paston lent them to Mr. Ward of Warwick, who had
 20 them a considerable time, and at last delivered them to Paston's mother, who demanded them. Mr. Paston died young of the small Pox. Mr. Ward began the History of Coventre in a very handsome manner, but the papers being delivered up by him, he desisted.

June 9 (Fri.). Walter Pryse Esq. told me yesterday, he had forgot to bring with him the MS. Roll I mentioned sometime ago.

Mr. Rawlins told me last night, he hath got a little MS. written in a very small hand, being a Diary of the Siege of Oxford. He said, he had some design of writing and printing a short account of his uncle Dr. Charlett's life, but that he had been dissuaded from it. He said he
 30 had a great many of Dr. Mathew Hutton's letters to Dr. Charlett. The said Mr. Rawlins, as he told me, is forty seven years old. He said he had several little Pocket books of Anthony Wood's, in which are curious memorandums, much such, I suppose, as I printed from one such book, that was given me, at the end of the Black Book of the Exchequer.

One Mr. Tipping Sylvester, Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxon., hath just printed and published a sermon preached at Cairfax before the mayor &c. of Oxford last 29 of May. It is a Whiggish thing, in commendation of the present Government. The Mayor, Alderman Nicholl &c. desired him to print it. He is one of the Whitehall Preachers and
 wants Preferment.

40 Mr. West procures Curiosities, not only for Lord Oxford, but likewise for Lord Pembroke.

Mr. West when he was last in Oxford, talked of a Saxon Coin of one King Ludican. Quaere about this King & whether ever any one of that name were King of Kent; and whether he were King more than 3 months.
 [NB. He was King of the Mercians.]

One Williams was clarke to Mr. Walter Pryse the Attorney; afterwards

he went into Orders & now reads Prayers to the Chevalier at Rome, he being a Non-juror. Mr. Pryse hath a Collection of old Coins of his to dispose of.

June 10 (Sat.). Mr. David Casley in a Letter dated at No. 2 in Smith Street, Westminster, Mon. 9, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$, tells me that Vitell. F. ix. 3 [in which is Tho. Otterbourne] is preserved, but a Line or two at the top of each Page burnt off. There is no account in it whence it was transcribed, which if there had been, he says he could not have missed giving me it, when he transcribed it for me. It seems to him to have been written not before Sir Robert Cotton's time.

As to John of Whethamstede, he says Tiberius D. v is preserved; but so scorched about the edges & stuck together that it wants the help of a Book Binder, before it can be made use of. Claudius D. i, Nero C. vi. are preserved unhurt. And also Nero D. vii in which is his Life [or Acts, of which I have since got a Transcript, by the care of Mr. West] in 8 Leaves. Otho B. iv is burnt.

June 11 (Sun.). From the Northampton Mercury for June 3:—

On Saturday morning, May 27, George Chamberlayne Esq., Member of Parliament for Buckingham, was married at St. James's Church, Westminster, to Miss Hardey, a daughter of Sir Thomas Hardey, a beautiful young Lady, 20 with a fortune of £10,000.

The said Mr. Chamberlayne, who was a few years since Gentleman Commoner of Edm. Hall in Oxford, is nephew to Judge Denton. He is neither a personable Man, nor of any Understanding.

As the Earl of Pembroke hath an extraordinary Collection of medals and other Antiquities, so he is very particular about them, it being his ambition to have the only one of any Curiosity in the world. So that if he happens to have two Coins, however scarce, of a sort, he will immediately destroy one of them, and the same he does with respect to other Rarities, which humour makes most say that he is mad or at least that he is (what no one can deny) very whimsical.

This Evening between six and seven a Clock was buried in St. Peter's Church in the East, Oxon., the Mother of Dr. Richard Frewin, the Physician. She died in the Doctor's house, where St. Mary College was formerly, having lived with him several years.

June 12 (Mon.). Yesterday being the Inauguration of George II, the Sermon at St. Marie's in the morning before the University was preached by Dr. Conybear, Rector of Exeter College, and I am told 'twas a sad, Puritanical, Whiggish thing. In the afternoon the Preacher was Dr. Banner of University College, who lives with his wife (sister of the late Dr. Sacheverell) in St. Gyles's, Oxon., but what sort of discourse it was, I have not heard.

June 13 (Tu.). When Thomas Rawlins was in Town tother day, he told me, he had a 4^{to} book in MS., in which he had extracted every thing that was material in the Papers of Mr. Ant. a Wood contained in the long box, which came to the Museum Ashmoleanum after the death of Dr. Charlett. The said long box had lain in the Cellar of Dr. Charlett's

Lodgings at University College many years, where lay also many other things of Mr. Wood's, particularly some little books, divers of which, as I found by Mr. Rawlins, have been imbezilled.

June 14 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. June 10:—

York, May 29. This evening, a little before 10 o'clock, the grave of William de Melton, Archbishop of York, was opened; it was near the Font, a Vault covered with 6 large Stones; when one of them was lifted up from over the breast, a most beautiful large silver chalice appeared, upon which
10 was curiously engraved a Crucifix. He had first been put in a Lead coffin, and then in one made of wood, both of which were much decayed.

The said Melton died Ap. 22, 1340. He was a very good, charitable, generous man, and a great benefactor to the church of York.

June 15 (Thur.). Last night Mr. George Ballard of Campden in Gloucestershire, calling upon me, told me that Mr. Roger Gale bought Mr. Graves's coins for 21 guineas or 22 pounds one shilling, which he said was a very inconsiderable, trifling sum, in comparison of what they were really worth, and of what they had cost Mr. Graves. Indeed I did
20 not know till Mr. Ballard told me, that it was so very valuable a Collection; but he assured me that he had very near a perfect series of Roman coins, & many very considerable ones besides, & that he had bought about two hundred rare ones a little before he died, so that for ought I know the Collection might be worth 150 guineas. He much lamented that Mr. Morgan Graves, the eldest son, should part thus with his Father's curiosities, both coins & MSS. & even private papers, considering that the younger son
hath a genius to things of this nature, and in all probability, if he lives, will very often wish that all had been preserved, what I formerly advised Mr. Morgan Graves, in the Family. There was no occasion for sale, there being not any want of money, & 'twould have been a credit to have
30 them kept in the Family. It happens however well enough, that they are come to persons, that will take care of them, & what Mr. West hath I can have the use of at any time.

Mr. Ballard told me that he had heard some time ago (before Mr. Granger died) that Mr. Granger's books alone without his coins &c. were worth two thousand pounds.

Mr. Graves would never keep any printed book, but what was extremely clean and fair.

June 16 (Fri.). Mr. William Dodwell of Trinity College took the degree of M.A. this term and by his Habit he seems to be in orders.
40 I suppose he might be ordained last Trinity Sunday. Quaere.

Mr. Ballard told me last night, the late Mr. Richard Graves was very nearly related to the famous Mr. John Greaves, and that he had heard Mr. Graves himself say so more than once; but this I never heard Mr. Graves say, tho' I have often heard him speak of Mr. John Greaves.

June 16, 1732. Lawson Hudleston to H. (Rawl. 15. 90) [*see* Diary, June 16].

About 4 years agoe, as the present Heir of Sir John Harington (of whom, as an Author you cannot but have heard) was turning over his Great Grandfather's Papers, he happened to find a very fair Latin MS. of Dr. Godwyn's lives of the bishops of Bath and Wells. It is undoubtedly the Doctor's own Handwriting, and being, as Mr. Lawson Hudleston (M.A. formerly of Queens Coll., Oxon., who wrote to me from Wells June 8) perceives, the whole of what he at first designed, it is fuller in several particulars than the printed book. Perhaps it may be the same with that at Trin. Coll. at Cambridge, which I am now about printing with Thomas Otterbourne and John Whethamsted.

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June 17 (Sat.). Mr. Edw. Lye is Vicar of Little Houghton in Northamptonshire. The endowment of his vicarage is the same (as he informs me by Letter of the 9th) with what follows:—

Tempore domini Hugonis Welles episcopi Linc', qui coepit praeesse A.D. 1209.

Bramfeud. Vicaria in ecclesia de Bramfeud, que est Prioris et Conventus sancti Andreae Northamptonie, auctoritate Concilii ordinata est sic. Vicarius habebit in nomine perpetue vicarie alteragium cum principali legato et terram ecclesie in dominico et serviciis que valent per annum ad minus sexdecim solidis cum manso competente et solvet synodalia tantum. Monachi vero 20 hospitium archidiaconi procurabunt.¹

June 18 (Sun.). The Church Land, mentioned in the said Endowment, I take to be that which was given for maintenance of a Priest, to officiate & reside there, at the first foundation of a Church, & as this Land was demesne, so 'twas free from service.² I know not when 'twas first built, but 'twill be worth Mr. Lye's inquiry. Sixteen shillings (it seems) was a maintenance in Kings John's time,³ but not afterwards, so that the income increased in proportion to the Value of things; for which reason the Almsmen of Bartholomew's near Oxford ought to have more than nine pence each a week, which tho' in Ed. II's time it was a maintenance, 30 yet since is not, but should be encreased in proportion to the value of Things.

June 19 (Mon.). Dr. Richardson hath informed me by Letter that there is no danger in viewing or tracing the Picts Wall from one end to the other, only 'twill be proper to have a Guide, and there are not very good accommodations.

Sigonius and Thuanus were both of them elegant writers of Latin, yet they were not good at speaking it, being not *prompti linguae*.

June 20 (Tu.). White Kennett in his Parochial Antiquities notes that Selden's History of Tithes least deserves his name, upon account of 40 the partiality and falseness in it. He might have mentioned also his notes on Eutychius, full as partial, and principally levelled against Episcopacy.

¹ Printed in *Liber Hugonis Welles* also *Cant. & York Soc.*

² This is not the meaning of demesne.—Ed.

³ Hearne is mistaken, sixteen shillings was not the value of the whole vicarage. The *Liber Hugonis Welles* shows that a minimum for a vicarage was about five marks.—Ed.

White Kennett in that place corrects a gross mistake of Mr. Selden's in that book of Tithes.

Dr. Peter Needham, who died last year, was born in 1680. He published the *Geoponicks* when he was 24 years of age.

Dr. Richard Grey hath published a second edition of his *Memoria Technica* with improvements; as also a second edition of his epitome of Gibson's *Codex Canonum*.

June 21 (Wed.). One Wilcox of St. Clements near Oxford was born near Peterborough. He told me last night of stately remains of the
10 College of Fodringhey in Northamptonshire, built by Edward, Duke of York A.D. 1415 in the place where in ancient time had been a nunnery, but the nuns had been translated to De la Pre near Northampton, as appears from the first Vol. of Leland's Itinerary.

One Birch (lately Gentleman Commoner of Christ Church, where he was a very forward youth, & very meddling and litigious, and strangely given to Law matters, running always to business of that nature, insomuch that he used in Oxford to be called young Pryn) is now a Barrister in London, & wonderfull sedulous in law affairs, tho' he be otherwise a man of little or no Learning. He bought some folio volumes of Dr. Charlet's
20 Pamphlets, purely upon account of some law matters in them.

'Tis commonly said that the Coins in Speed were copied from the Collection in the Cotton Library. I have been lately told that that Collection is still in that Library, only about a douzen are wanting.

June 22 (Thur.). Yesterday at three o'Clock in the morning Dr. Butler, President of Magdalen College, with two of the Fellows (Dr. Jenner and Dr. Willoughby) went up to London, being required so to do by their Visitor, the Bishop of Winchester, who is at London, and designs to expostulate with them about some matters relating to elections.

30 **My late friend William Inge of Thorp Constantine in Staffordshire, Esq.,** hath been dead almost a year, as I was informed from that place by his son Theodore William Inge Esq., lately gentleman commoner of Braznose Coll. in a letter dated the 18th inst. The father was a curious Gentleman in the Saxon Tongue and in our Antiquities, the son otherwise, contrary to his father's design.

June 23 (Fri.). Mr. Baker would be glad to see Warner's History in print, and wishes it were in his power to help me to a sight of it; but it was a great favor and against Rule, that he had the use of it some short time at his chamber. One thing in him is pretty particular (wherein
40 yet he is not positive) that he makes the Popish Plot to have taken its rise & beginning from the Earle of Danby, tho' with different views from those who took it up & carried it much further than he intended; and tho' he makes it evident that the King believed nothing of it, yet he would hazard nothing to shelter the innocent.

June 22, 1732. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 9. 20). Sends H. some MSS. for perusal.

About a fortnight since the youngest daughter (there being two daughters) of Mr. Townsend of Oxford, mason, was married to young Mr. Ives (son of Ives the Apothecary) of Oxford, mercer, just out of his time & just set up.

June 24 (Sat.). Mr. Baker hath seen Harding's MS. History, now in the hands of the Dean of Ely, Dr. Alix, & having run over King Edward VI's reign pretty carefully, he says (in his Letter to me from Cambridge of the 17th inst.) he can absolve B^p Burnet from having borrowed any thing from him, nor was there any need, for Harding borrows all from printed Histories, without having recourse to records or other MSS., nor has he cited any, except one, and that only once, where it is plainly erroneous. This satisfies me & sufficiently cures me of my curiosity for that author, concerning whom I wrote formerly to Mr. Baker, I having never seen him or any thing from him.

June 25 (Sun.). Dr. Watts was indeed a learned Antiquary & so was Reyne Wolf, but Mr. Baker knows of nothing of theirs in MS., nor of the *Chronica de Eyton*, nor of the Abbey of Bissemède, nor of Mr. Selden's life of Fryer Bacon.

One Thomas Lambe, a substantial Quaker, lives at Shillingsford near Dorchester in Oxfordshire. He told me yesterday that he hath a brother, John Lambe, a Quaker also, that lives at Croydon in Surrey, and that he hath wrote and printed a book, I know not whether against tithes, against which the Quakers are great enemies.

June 26 (Mon.). Anno 1730 was printed at Sarum a little thing in 8^{vo}, being only two sheets, called, *A Dissertation in Vindication of the Antiquity of Stone Henge, in Answer to the Treatises of M^r Inigo Jones, D^r Charleton, and all that have written upon that Subject. By a Clergyman living in the Neighbourhood of that Famous Monument of Antiquity.*

The said Clergyman was Mr. Stamford Wallis. One Stafford Wallis was incorp. M.A. of Oxford from St. Andrew's July 11, 1671. As for the said dissertation, 'tis nothing but an extract from Webb, abating some abusive expressions of the Thief, who sufficiently exposeth himself by endeavouring to detract from the Reputation of those great men Olaus Wormius and Dr. Walter Charleton. Tho' I differ from Dr. Charleton, yet I think the Dr. hath supported his opinion very well & deserved thanks rather than obloquy. At least it is very unbecoming, for such mean writers as the publisher of this extract, to attack such a worthy man as the Dr. certainly was, in so rude a manner.

June 27 (Tu.). Mr. Anstis in his Letter from the Heralds office of Apr. 4 last tells me he was mistaken in writing me, that Dr. Johnson's collections of pedigrees relating to Lancashire were in this office, for upon inspection he found them to be one Dr. Cuerdin's, & in a very bad hand. They have nothing of Dr. Johnson's. Mr. Anstis hath seen four or five volumes in folio, about the family of Talbots, Earls of Shrewsbury,

June 24, 1732. John Talbot at Lacock to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 214). Will call for the book when he comes to the Oxford races.

wrote by him, consisting mostly of letters sent to these Earls, which original letters are in that Office.

At the same time Mr. Anstis told me he had then the copy of Archbishop Sancroft's instrument taken by a Clerk in the Commons for him, who he presumes might truly copy the Original, wherein the words was *protinus* with an -i and *Lambeihant*s.

June 28 (Wed.). To ask Mr. Baker when it was that Prince Charles, afterwards King Charles II, was created Master of Arts of Cambridge. He was incorporated Master of Arts of Oxon. Nov. 1, 1642, 10 on which day James duke of York, afterwards King James II, was created M.A. at Oxford. See *Athen. & Fast. Oxon. vol. II.*

June 29 (Thur.). Anno 1646 was printed in 8^{vo} at London, *The Historie of Scotland during the Minority of King James, written in Latine by Robert Johnson. Done into English by T. M.*; being not taken notice of by B^d Nicolson I suppose it may be scarce. The Translator in his Preface takes notice that the Author gave life to 22 bookes, a concatenation of the memorable passages in this our Isle [of Scotland, which shews the Translator to be a Scottish man] and our neighbour of Ireland with some exotickes from the year 1571 to the year 1629, two wherof only saw light; 20 the rest running the same hazard which abortives doe, are involved in a Scotch mist. Johnston himself wrote finely in Latin.

June 30 (Fri.). Mr. George Ballard of Campden in Gloucestershire was born in 1706. He told me last night that among Mr. Graves's coins bought by Roger Gale Esq. were several gold ones. He shewed me several coins, Roman and English. Some of the Romans were spurious. He had a brass one of Julius Caesar, which Mr. Ballard met with at London, where he had now been on foot, but I do not take it to be genuine. He said Mr. West hath a prodigious collection of curiosities, among which a very extraordinary collection of Prints, the best he said 30 of any particular person in England. I never heard Mr. West mention this. Mr. West, who hath got Mr. Graves's private Papers as well as others, will let Mr. Ballard have any of them whatsoever that relate to Campden. Mr. Ballard may be a proper person to have the use of them, in order to write the antiquities of Campden. Mr. Ballard hath written an account of the antiquities of Campden Church in a Letter he wrote to me.

July 1 (Sat.). Ludecan, King of the Mercians, was slain, according to the Saxon Annals either in 824 or 825. He reigned but a little while, succeeding his cousin Beorwulf anno 823, as Florence of Worcester notes, 40 where he is likewise called Ludecan. We have Saxon coins of his printed, in which he is called Ludica.

July 2 (Sun.). The Rev. Mr. Charles Godwyn, M.A., of Balliol College, is the 5th in descent in a direct line from Dr. Francis Godwyn,

July 1, 1732. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 9). Asks if B. is sure that the coins he mentions were really found at Cirencester.

July 2, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 94) [see Diary, July 9, 10, 15].

Bishop of Hereford. I saw at his chamber yesterday a picture of the said Bishop; on the right side of his face *Alore Lan diogel i Pherchen* (i.e. he that hath a clean heart, happy is he) *Æt. 51, 1615*; on the left side a broken tree and under it *Sed deficit aller*. He hath also an old Picture of the said Bishop's brother. On the left hand of his face

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He married into the Purefoy Family. A Pen in his right hand, a book open in his left with these words *Vae mihi Paulo si non evangelizavero*. 'Tis supposed that his named was Paul. On the left hand of his head *10* *Æt. suae 60, 1634*. He hath also an old picture of Dr. Thomas Godwyn, Bishop of Bath and Wells, father of the said Dr. Francis Godwyn.

The late Dr. Richard Ibbetson had once a design of publishing Tacitus.

July 3 (Mon.). One Sedgley, a barber, and one Clarke, a victualler, were Church Wardens of St. Peter's in the East Oxford for 1731. At which time they had the Commandments in the Church (which were in a fine large Letter) obliterated and new done in a less Letter and much worse (the Creed however & Lord's Prayer, which they had likewise obliterated, being not done at all) without a vestry or consent of the *20* Parish, which however they ought to have in cases that exceed 40 shillings as this does, it amounting to 12 or 14 pounds, for which reason the Parish have refused to pass their accounts, they having also put the parish to the charge of a Church Warden's Treat, Sedgley having refused to give one, tho' it hath been a constant innocent custom in the Parish. Sedgley & Clarke have put the Parish into the Bishop's Court. The Proclamation, as they call it, was read in St. Peter's Church on Sun. June 25, ordering the parishioners to bring in their Objections next Court day. Accordingly the parishioners appeared at St. Marie's Sat. July 1 & had their Objections in writing, but each side then employed a Proctor, and the Objections are *30* deferred till next Court day. Memorandum that the King's Arms, which were very large & in a good condition in the Church, were likewise taken away & destroyed by the said two Church Wardens, & new ones, very small & mean, put up, likewise without a Vestry & consent.

July 4 (Tu.). Yesterday called upon me Colonel Guise & Mr. Gagnier. The Colonel is son of the famous Mr. William Guise of All Souls College who died very young in the 30th year of his age, to the great loss of Oriental learning. The Colonel was of Christ Church, where he took the Degree of Bach. of Arts and stood for a Fellowship of All Souls but missed it, the matter coming to a Devolution, at which time *40* the Archbishop put in Mr. Worth, & had no regard to Guise, who then left the University. He told me he is fifty years of age. He is a great encourager of Mr. Gagnier in publishing Abulpheda from the MS. in All Souls College Library, written by the Colonel's father. He is acquainted with Monfaucon, who (he said) is 77 years old & is writing now against the Jesuits & promised the Colonel to give him a copy.

Mr. Browne Willis is printing his Book about Dedications of Churches in *4^{to}*.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Butler &c., returned from London on

Saturday night July 1st. They had been before the Visitor, & the matter was argued by two Counsellors on each side. The two for the College were Dr. Hinchman and Dr. Isham.

The King of France is a Subscriber to Mr. Gagnier's Abulpheda, as Colonel Guise told me.

Mr. Willis told me yesterday that there were other gold coins (rose Nobbles) of Richard II, besides Mr. West's, and that himself was in prospect of one from his Attorney. He told me the Priory and Priory Church of Dunstaple are demolished. He told me there is a Cut printed
10 by itself at large of the Chappel.

July 5 (Wed.). Last night I purchased the following silver coin of one Mr. Thomas Beauchamp of Oxford, Currier. [Then follows a description of the coin, which was struck by Trajan in A.D. 112; it was said to have been found at Wallingford.]

July 6 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. July. 3:—

On Monday June 26, 1732, the Rev. and Learned Dr. Middleton spoke an elegant oration in the schools at Cambridge in praise of Dr. Woodward.

John Ivory Talbot Esq. hath no deeds of consequence relating to my designs in Antiquity; otherwise he would certainly have lent them long
20 ago, as he assures me by Letter from Lacock, June 24th last.

Dr. Knight, who wrote & published the lives of Dean Collet & of Erasmus, called upon me last night, being come to Oxford on purpose to consult Mr. Wood's MSS. collections relating to Robert Grosthead in the Museum Ashmoleanum, that I had acquainted him with. He hath transcribed it partly himself and will get the rest copied, it being a thing of consequence.

In the Bodl. Library is Browne's *Fasciculus* with MSS. collations. The book belonged, I think, to Edward Bernard, but whose collations they are I know not any farther, than that (as I remember) several were added
30 with his own hand by Mr. William Smith, then Fellow of Univ. College, now minister of Melsonby, after the said collated book was placed and chained in the Library, as he used to write & scribble in other books contrary to his oath.

Dr. Knight then told me that Dr. Johnston of Stowe Market in Suffolk is nephew to Dr. Nathaniel Johnston, and that he hath his MSS. Collections & hath some design of printing them.

July 5, 1732. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 12. 131). Thanks for H.'s letter of June 15. Sends him a paper. 'If you shall find room in your present work (or any other hereafter) to make use of them, I could wish my name might be concealed. I have not met with that good Encouragement in disposing of the Books you hoped for; but by way of gift, I have had the Pleasure of seeing most of them disperse abroad in the World, maugre all the opposition of Booksellers. Some of those I presented to the University of Cambridge, to be sold for the Benefit of the Publick Library, are not as yet converted into money; when they are (as I shall let Dr. Middleton know the next time I see or write to him) it is my design that some of your books, either already or hereafter printed, may be bought therewith for the said Library.'

Dr. Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph, hath made Mr. Wynne (Fellow of All Souls and Junior Proctor of the Univ. of Oxford) his domestick chaplain, he being a North-Wales man.

Dr. Knight was pleased to say that Mr. Wood's *Hist. and Antiq. Univ. Oxon.* did not sell at all, grounding his observation on this, that a year or two agoe, 'twas sold in London for fifteen shillings in an auction; but this is a poor argument, auctions being often guided by humour, not skill or judgment.

He said Dr. Tanner not long since told him he was resolved to set about printing his *Notitia Monastica & Leland & Boston of Bury.* 10

Mr. Willis is making a collection of all tradesmen's farthings in every town of every county in England.

When I talked some time since with Dr. Tanner, about Dr. Knight's design of writing the life of Robert Grosthead, he shook his head, & yet he assists Dr. Knight as much as he can.

July 7 (Fri.). A copy of Dr. Needham's Epitaph, composed by himself and sent me by Mr. Baker in his Letter from Cambridge, June 17, 1732. He was burried at his living in Northamptonshire, Stanwick I think, which will explain his Epitaph, & the date is added. ['Tis printed in Northampton Mercury for Sep. 11, 1732.] 20

Petrus Needham, S.T.P., felicem optans et expectans, quam non meruit, resurrectionem, natus Stockporti in agro Cestriensi, A.D. 1680, et literis humanioribus ab optimo patre imbutus, in collegium divi Johannis Cantab. admissus est alumnus duodecennnis Ap. 18, 1693, ubi magistralem togam ante induerat, quam sumpserat virilem. Factus est eiusdem Collegii socius A.D. 1698, rector de Ovington in agro Norfolc. 1706, vicarius de Madingley in agro Cantab. 1711, rector de Whitton in agro Suffolc. 1713, rector de Conington in agro Cantab. 1713, prebendarius de St. Florence in Wallia 1714, hujusce ecclesiae rector et S.T.P. 1717, Irenarcha apud Cantabrigienses 1722. Recensuit et edidit Graecos de re rustica Scriptores 1704, Hieroclem in Aurea 30 Carmina 1709, Theophrasti Characteres morum 1712, Concionem ad Academiam Cantab. 1716. Quantum vero pecuniam neglexerit vel potius contempserit testantur hoc adytum et vicinae aedes, quibus reficiendis et ab integro extruendis non modico mille libras impendebat sumptu. Plura dici vetuit. Obiit die [sexto Decembris, A.D. 1731].

July 8 (Sat.). Yesterday after my country walk called upon me Philip Harcourt Esq. (formerly Gentleman Commoner of Worcester College) with his quondam Tutor Mr. Roger Bouchier, Fellow of Worcester College. I had not seen Mr. Harcourt for many years before. He told me that my ingenious friend the Hon. Benedict Leonard Calvert 40 Esq., Governour of Maryland, died in his return from thence on the 20th of May or else the 20th of June last (but he thinks the former) and was coffined and cast into the sea, for which I am extreme sorry. He was born Sep. 7, 1700; see Vol. 82, p. 129.

Mr. Seb. Smith, son of Sir Sebastian Smith, was born at Michaelmass in 1677.

Mr. Clarke of Littlemore, now living there, was born in 1675.

July 9 (Sun.). Dr. Middleton's oration is printed off and dispersed, but I have not seen it yet.

July 9, 1732. John Loveday at St. Asaph, to H. (Rawl. 15. 129) [see

It is strange that Harding who lived so long at Westminster should make no use of MSS. and yet so it is & his Collections are worth nothing, nor could they be of any use, either to B^p Lloyd or B^p Burnet.

Philip Harcourt Esq. told me on Friday last that there are great Remains of the Nunnery of Ankerwik in Bucks, that the house in which he lives (for Ankerwik belongs to him) is part of the nunnery and that the walls of the present house are those of the nunnery. M^r. Harcourt hath a Cartulary of the Nunnery, about 2 sheets in vellum, as he told me.

July 10 (Mon.). On pages 101, 102 of Vol. V of these Remarks is to a notable instance of Dr. Peter Needham's ingratitude; *ingratum si dixeris, omnia dixeris*; and truly contempt of riches was no part of his Character, & should have been left out of his Epitaph.

M^r. Baker hath had the use of several volumes of Bishop Kennet's Collections. I mentioned one of inscriptions to M^r. Baker, namely inscriptions in churches that had belonged to religious houses, but this M^r. Baker never saw. His son is now possessed of his MSS., some of which [historical] he lent to Lord Oxford, who M^r. Baker wishes had them all. M^r. Baker doubts his son will hardly give us the second volume of his *Register &c.* tho' the Bishop had taken pains with it.

30 It seems Bishop Tanner told Dr. Knight some time since that M^r. Wood's MS. about Bishop Grosthead was sufficient to his purpose.

July 11 (Tu.). Yesterday the new Chappel (just finished) on the south side next Brewers Lane at Pembroke College, was consecrated by the Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Potter, and the sermon on the occasion was preached there by Dr. Panting, Master of the College.

Yesterday M^r. Burton of Corpus Christi College told me that 'twas M^r. Anstis's own fault that his son of Balliol College did not come in last election Fellow of All Souls. I was surprized & asking him how, he replied that M^r. Anstis denyed the archbishop of Canterbury's authority, 30 saying that he was not Visitor but the King, and that the College was not founded by Chichely but by the King. He said he had it from M^r. Anstis himself. Remember to mention it to M^r. Anstis.

July 12 (Wed.). Yesterday M^r. Owen, Fellow of All Souls, told me M^r. Anstis's eldest son missed of a Fellowship of that College because of his having a Patent Place in the Government, and his son of Balliol upon account of Insufficiency. I told him Insufficiency or some reason or

Diary, Sept. 4, 5, 9]. He is on his way back from Ireland. Dined last night with Bishop Tanner; the first health they drank was the health of H. Will dine with the Bishop to-night. 'The College [i.e. Trinity College] is now in Dublin; for this city grows like London.'

July 9, 1732. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32, 70). 'Your three books are safe by me, but I am very slow, upon account of my other affairs, which will not permitt me to write out of them above three or four lines a day, and sometimes none. We are in the second volume of Otterbourne and Whethamstede. On Friday night last, after my return from my country walk, I was told of the death (for which I am extreme sorry) of my Friend, the honourable Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq.' Desires to know more details about it.

other, I suppose, would always be alledged against such as appeared upon the Title of Founder's Kinsmen.

To write to Mr. Murray to know whether Mr. Granger had any Coin of Ric. III with a face on it, and what sort of face, whether shrivelled and withered or whether in bloom. Also, Who was the author of *The Life and Death of Ralph Wallis, the cobler of Gloucester*, printed at London anno 1670, 4^{to}, in six sheets.

London, July 4, 1732. Last week was a hearing before the Right Rev. the Bishop of Winchester, Visitor of Magdalen College, Oxford, between the President and Fellows of the said College and one Mr. Burslam, he claiming 10 a Lincolnshire Fellowship, a considerable estate having been left sometime since for a certain number of Fellowships in that College, to be given to Lincolnshire scholars, which has been constantly filled up by others, without regard to the inventions of the Doner.¹ Dr. Henchman argued for the President and Fellows and Mr. Harpur for Mr. Burslam; and his Lordship has ordered Mr. Burslam to be put immediately into one of those Fellowships.

So the Prints. Burslam was accordingly entered Fellow yesterday in the afternoon. He stood last Election in 1731 but was rejected & Mr. Zinzan of the College (Mr. Burslam being of Christ Church and originally of Cambridge and only Bach. of Arts, whereas Mr. Zinzan is 20 M.A.) was elected, notwithstanding not a Lincolnshire man. Mr. Zinzan was Demie when he was chosen & Dr. Holloway resigned the Moral Philosophy Lectureship in the College to him, by virtue of which Lecture 'tis said by his friends that he is a statutable Fellow, but the Bishop looked upon this as evasion, as I hear. It is certain that they ought to go according to the Founder's Statutes, in which the Fellowships are assigned to certain Counties.

On Thursday night last Mr. Fletcher Gyles of London, bookseller, told me, he being then in Oxon. and I spent the evening with him (after Dr. Knight had left us) that Mr. Philip Stubbes hath a MS. of 30 Sir Henry Spelman's History of Sacrilege & that it contains the History intire, & is the very same that was in the printer's hands to be printed just in that manner, had not the Fire of London happened, but that 'tis not the Original. Stubbs hath proposed it to Mr. Gyles to print.

July 13 (Thur.). Mr. Zinzan, knowing that he should not keep his Fellowship of Magd. Coll., but that Burslam would be entered as Fellow, on Tuesday morning last he went to London, on purpose (as I am told) to ask the Visitor's leave to stand for Fellow next election, notwithstanding his not being of a statutable county.

Yesterday at 2 Clock afternoon the Church Wardens &c. of St. Peter's 40 in the East appeared before Dr. Brook at All Souls College and proved

July 13, 1732. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 292). Wishes to know if there was a coin of Ric. III in the collection of Mr. Granger; also who was the author of *The Life and Death of Ralph Wallis the Cobler of Gloucester*, printed at London in 1670, 4^{to}, in six sheets.

July 13, 1732. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 100). Sends five guineas.

¹ Note by Hearne: 'The Doner was the Founder himself.'

upon oath their positions against Mr. Sedgley and Mr. Clark, the last year's Church Wardens.

July 14 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. July 10:—

On Wednesday the 5th inst. about four in the afternoon, the Right Hon. the Lord Cardigan died at Lord Bruce's (his Lady's Brother's seat) near the Bath, having declared himself the same day at dinner in a better state of health than he had been for six months before; it's said he proposed to ride out that afternoon, and going to his room, his Lordship's servant went some time after and found him dead.

10 He died of a Consumption. He had been in Oxford not long agoe some weeks, thence he went to Bath, was returning again to Oxford, but died in his way at Lord Bruce's, was brought in an Herse to the Angel Inn in Oxford Sunday night July 9th, & the next day carried out of Town to be buried. His Lady is sister to Lord Bruce.

July 15 (Sat.). Mr. Baker knows nothing of *Johannes Marcanova* who, I told him, was the first that collected old Roman inscriptions, & he doubts also whether Dr. Middleton knows any thing about it. It must be a great curiosity, worth any one's seeing, that hath an opportunity in his travells through Italy. I have mentioned it in p. 195 of the 5th Vol.

20 of these collections.

I told Dr. Knight, when he was here the other day, that there are many things in the School Tower, among the University Archives, relating to his Design of Bishop Grosthead's Life, particularly Brian Twyne's MSS. collections, & that he ought like wise to consult the English copy, which belongs to the Ashm. Museum, of Mr. Wood's Antiquities.

July 16 (Sun.). Yesterday Dr. Brooke gave a degree against the Parishioners of St. Peter's in the East in favour of Mr. Clarke and Mr. Sedgley, who had been Church Wardens in 1731, and had done unjustifiable matters in the Church, and Brooke told the Parishioners, 30 as I hear from many hands, that the Church Wardens have such an unlimited Power, as to do anything for repairing and adorning the Church, without leave of the ordinary or consent of the Vestry; which notion and other things have put the Parish of St. Peter's into great distraction. 'Tis remarkable that Dr. Brooke beforehand (for I heard it some time since) told divers what he would do, namely favour Sedgley, and this too before the suit commenced, or before he had heard one word of the merits of the cause. Nor indeed, when the

July 15, 1732. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 293). Thanks for five guineas.

July 16, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 58) [see Diary, July 20, 31, Aug. 4]. 'Bp. Kennet was better known to you then he was to me, but I must always acknowledge his Friendship, as I must that of another Bp.' for whome you had no kindness. However, I hope, you & I shall always agree, tho' we do not agree in *eodem Tertio*.'

suit commenced, did he seem at all to attend or hearken to what the Parish had to say against the arbitrary doings of Sedgley and Clark.

July 17 (Mon.). Mr. John Martyn, commonly called Dr. Martyn, hath put out Proposals for printing in 4^{to} *Vergilii Georgica*, with various Readings & notes. This Gentleman lives at Chelsey and was of Emanuel College in Cambridge. He designs to imbellish the work with figures.

One thing ought to be noted in Dr. Brooke's proceeding against the Parishioners of St. Peter's, that whereas Sedgley & Clark had put down eleven shillings for matts for the vestry of St. Peter's Church, Brooke struck off that, and charged it upon Sedgley and Clarke, the Parishioners having alledged that the Vestry was part of the Chancell & did not belong to the Parish, and thereupon Sedgley and Clarke offered to pay the Parishioners the money, but they declined taking it, designing to try the matter elsewhere.

Bishop Nicholson in p. vii of his Preface to the Eng. Hist. Libr. tells us that in the Harleian Library is a Chartularie or Leiger Book of the Priory of Dunstable. I would gladly know how this differs from the Annals of Dunstable, that my Lord Oxford hath lent me and whether there be any thing in it that is material relating to the History of England in general. [I have had the Book lent me & find it to be a mere Chartulary, only there is in it a fragment of the beginning of the Annals.]

July 18 (Tu.). The visitor of Magd. Coll. hath denied leave to Mr. Zinzan to stand for a Fellowship of Magd. College next election. I have been informed that the Visitor offered to the President &c. that Mr. Zinzan should continue in his Fellowship, provided they would elect Burslem the next election, but this they declined. Quaere.

Mr. Fysher of Oriel College is a Lincolnshire man by birth, and was once put upon standing for a Lincolnshire Fellowship at Magd. Coll., but did not, he finding that it would not take effect. He is a great acquaintance of Burslem's.

Mr. Sampson Estwicke, formerly of Christ Church, who is uncle to Mr. Fysher, is 77 years of age.

Mr. Martyn above-mentioned is now in Oxford, chiefly to consult MSS. of Virgil and Servius.

July 19 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. July 17:—

Mr. Fowler, an eminent Apothecary of Islington, is just married to Miss West of that Town, at Kensington Church, with whom he had 6000l. The same day her sister was married to a very eminent Lead Merchant of London, with whom he had the same Fortune.

By this my friend James West Esq. must have four sisters, whereas I understood from him that he had only three.

Dr. John King, rector of Chelsey, died lately, aged about fourscore. He was formerly of Exeter College and Master of the Free School of

Bray near Maidenhead, in Berks., where he continued some years, and leaving it was succeeded by Mr. Patrick Gordon, and he by Mr. James Gibson. Dr. King, who was the first Master of that school after its foundation was a lusty, strong man, a good scholar and a good school-master, and died very rich. I think he hath published some things, but what I know not. He was a man that the late Sir William Dawes, Archbishop of York, was much delighted with, and would for that reason frequently have him to travell with him. He might have lived some considerable time longer, but that after the death of his wife four or five
 10 years ago, and of his son Dr. John King, who published part of Euripides, he seemed to be pretty much dejected from that sprightliness and cheerfulness that he had before, tho' he continued cheerfull even to the last. Mr. Martyn was his physician. Dr. King had a good study of books.

Yesterday the President of Trinity College, Mr. Hudsford's wife was brought to bed of a boy, they having been married in Trin. Coll. Chappell on Thursday, Oct. 7, 1731.

July 20 (Thur.). Wrote to-day to Mr. Thomas Carte, to know what day it was that Bishop Atterbury died on, and what was his immediate distemper.

20 From Mr. Baker in a Letter dated from Camb., July 16:—[Extracts from the University Register, that Prince Charles, George duke of Buckingham, James Earl of Carlisle, Francis Villers, and Henry Seamor, were granted the degree of M.A. of Cambridge Mar. 12, 164½]. This was as the King, Prince &c. came from Newmarket to Cambridge, in their way to York.

July 21 (Fri.). Mr. John Balle hath published his edition of Edmund Spenser's Kalendar, and some time agoe he talked of writing the Antiquities of Chichester, or at least of doing something by way of Antiquity for the County of Sussex. The Latin Translation of the
 30 said Kalendar had been printed before, but Mr. Balle hath given it more correct from a MS. he met with.

July 22 (Sat.). To ask Mr. Baker when it was that the old Lady Packington died, whom some make to be the Author of the Whole Duty of Man, but for no other substantial reason, that I know of, but because a copy of it hath been discovered written by her hand and corrected by Bishop Fell.

The famous Dr. Dodwell's widow is still living at Shottesbrooke. Her father, I have heard, was a butcher of Cookham, but I know not his name, unless it were Spratley. Inquire about this, and how long he
 40 hath been dead.

July 23 (Sun.). Yesterday being Magdalen College great Gaudy, there was not the least ringing of Bells there all day long (contrary to former practise¹) the President &c. being dejected and confounded at

¹ A note by Hearne: 'The ringing on that day was left off before this time some years, as some of them say, but 'tis false, & there was ringing the year after this, viz. 1733.'

what the Visitor hath done lately, and yet 'tis said the majority of the College are pleased.

Mr. Lye hath a mind to turn Editor, & wants to know what books might be proper for him to undertake. As he is a Divine, I suppose he will be for something in his own Faculty. Dr. Grabe's *Spicilegium Patrum* should be continued, for which there are great materials to be met with.

July 24 (Mon.). On Monday last being the 17th inst. was a hearing of the President and Fellows of Trin. Coll., Oxford, before the Bishop of Winchester, Dr. Willis, at London, in relation to one Mr. Richard Hedges (who took the degree of M.A. of that College May 14, 1719) whom they had expelled the College. The Bishop as Visitor confirmed the expulsion. All the Fellows were there excepting Dr. Wilkes, who staid at home to look after the College. This Hedges is an object of pity, and so the Visitor should have considered, being really, as I hear from the best hands, *non compos*.

In the year 1706 one Armstrong, of about 35 or 36 years of age, was barbarously murdered, as he was sitting and reading on a stile, near Bletchington, with his pack upon his back (for being one of those called Scotchmen, he carried a pack, and had the character of a very honest man). The murderer, who knocked him down as he came behind him, and afterwards cut his throat from ear to ear, was commonly called Sturdy,¹ and being apprehended, he was hanged in chains by the place where the murder was committed.

July 25 (Tu.). From a little 8^{vo} MS. lent me on Friday evening July 7, 1732, by Philip Harcourt Esq. formerly Gentleman Commoner of Worcester College.

A true part of a True Coppie which Richard Smith Esq. pend and left touchin the Chappel at Itchen Ferrie, which he erected and finished A.D. 1620.

The Chappel newly erected stans in Hants near Itchen Ferrie a great Arm

July 24, 1732. H. to Daniel & Ann Dean (Rawl. 28. 130). 'Loving Brother and Sister, I am very glad to hear you are all well. I have a good while expected to hear of the marriage of Br. William's widow. Pray what is the name of the new Husband? [I have had good intelligence that Br. William's heart was broke.]² I have not heard from Brother Edmund since Br. William's death. I was to know the name of old Mrs. Dodwell of Shottesbroke's Father. I wrote to my mother-in-law³ for it, but she could not tell me. He lived at Cookham, and, as I have heard, was a Butcher, and some body or other did once tell me, that his name was Spratley.'⁴

¹ There is a spot in the parish of Tackley known as *Sturdy's Castle*.—Ed.

² Those words were scratched through, perhaps after the letter returned to H.'s hands.—Ed.

³ What we now call step-mother.—Ed.

⁴ Hearne adds at the foot: 'Dean came to Oxford on foot Friday 29 [prob. September] 1732. He called and found me at Shepherd's [i.e. The Coach and Horses Inn], went with me to my room, drunk with me both at Shepherd's & my room, & went off, & I gave him a Guinea.'

of the Sea which leadeth to Southton. This Chappel was long since much wished and desired to have been built by some dwelling near unto it, what was taken in hand by Ric: Smith Esq. and by him finished in comely and decent manner; the want being now the means for the maintenance of a good Minister to teach the people there; whereof there is good hope it will please God, in his due time to move the heart of some good men to contribute to so acceptable a worke.

Now the necessities and reasons for erecting and continuing this Chappel are many. There are dwelling near this Chap: about 60 households, who belong
 10 and pay Tythes to a great Pasnage cald St. Maries standing in South^{ton} side; there are also some near unto this Chap; who by extreame wether, and the overflowing of the Tyde, not being able to passe to their Parishes shall likewise have the benefit to serve God there.

The Passage over this Ferrie to St. Maries is often so troublesome, as it occasioneth many to be negligent in the service of God; so those that are now willing, sometimes go with great Danger, and by Tempests are constrained to stay all night in the Town, to their great charge, most of them being Fishermen and poore laborers. Besides the passage is some times by great tempests not to be passed at all. Also for baptizing of children and such like duties,
 20 some have perished, and been in great danger or otherwise forced to go far to some other Chap: on that side of the water.

But that which did, most of all, move compassion and care for the erecting of this Chap: was, that many of those poore souls, at the time of their Death, have had no manner of comfort, nor instructed toward heaven; no Minister ever residing on that side the water, which now by this means, if a good minister be placed among them, he should not only teach them knowledge to live well, but be a great comfort and consolat: at the hour of their death.

There is also built by the said R. Smith a very convenient house for a Minister to dwell in near adjoining to the said Chappell; the only want now is
 30 a competent living for him; some good men have already contributed something towards his maintenance, and there is hope some others will likewise for the sake of so good and charitable a worke.

From the same MS.:—

John Packer Esq.

Borne of Good Parents (his Father being a Clarke of the Privy Seal to Queen Elizabeth) had his first education in Westminster School and from thence, being sent to the University of Oxford, he there spent 4 yeares Time in Trinitie Colledge, and afterwards 4 yeares more in Trinity Col: in Cambridge; where he was very well reputed of for his sufficiency in Learning
 40 and Civil behaviour. Soone after his coming from Cambridge, he traueled into France for learning that Language, and bettering of this knowledge in forreine Affaires, wherein he grew so able, that Sir Henry Neuil being appointed Embassadour into that Kingdome, chose him to be his Secretarie, and so made use of him there for divers Yeares, and at his Return left him Agent, to negotiate with the French King, until another Embas: was sent to supply the Place. And afterwards was sent by King James as his Agent to the King of Denmark. In which Imployment he carryed him with such Fidelity and Judgement as gained great Reputⁿ, both with the King and Councell, and had thereupon given him the Office of the Clarke of the Great Seal in Reuersion,
 50 and was made a Secretary for the French Tongue.

About the yeare 1612 he was chosen by the Earle of Somerset, the L^d Chamber to the King, to be his Secretarie, where he caryed hims: with that uprichtn: & sincerity, which gaind him the Love of all persons that had to do with him, and brought him off with such cleernesne from the offence which was chargd upon the Earles Lady and divers others their servants, as that his Name was never questioned. But King James hims: recommended him,

by the name of an honest Man, to be secretarie to Sir G. Villiers, whom his Majestie then made M^r of his Horse, and afterwards preferd to many other Offices and Honours. He continued Secretary to the said Sir G. Villiers, Earle Mar and Duke of Buckingham, until King James died, and afterwards in King Charles his time until Aug. 1628, the Time when the D. of Buc. was kild. And during all K. James time he was imployd by his Ma^{tie} in most of his Affaires both at home and abroad, & gave his attendance on his Ma^{tie} in most of his Journeys, to dispatche all matters which belonged to a Secretarie, his Ma^{tie} taking such contentment in him, as that he offered him many preferments, and would have made him Secretarie of State, but that the Man's 10 Humil.; Modesty, and foresight of the danger of the place caused him to refuse it, and continue his Relat. to the D. and his Interest in the Office of the Privi Seal, which he kept as long as that continued in Office. In all his Time he never was chargd, or that I ever heard suspected of any Crime, corrupt or miscarriage, which might staine the repute of an honest Man. Being never known to have any interest in any project, which might prejudice the Commonwealth, or any partie person; or to make any contract or bargain for getting any Man's business done, which lay in his way to further, but held it his Duty, and often times made bold to offer his opin: to the K. or Duke for hindring such things as were prejudicial, and if they refused to heare him, he 20 would desire to be excused from having any hand therein.

For the discharge of his Duty in the Service of God, he was known to be from his very Childhood one that delighted more in the Holy Script: than in any worldly thing; as was seen by his daily reading of the same and hearing the same read, by learning the same by heart, to the End he might meditate thereon both day and night, as he usually did at most Times, when he was alone either riding or walking, in one languag or other, having gotten by memorie the most part of the New Test^{at}, the Psalms, the Proverbs of Solomon, and the book of Cant:. He was very frequent in Prayer both publike and private, omitting no occasion that was offered for the discharge of 30 that Duty, either in publike Congregat: or in his Family, or for his own private Devotion. He lov'd and valued much the Preaching of God's word, as did appeare by his frequenting of Sermons, setting aside all Worldly Employments to partake of that Benefit on Week daies besides the Lord's day and by encouraging of Faithfull and Godly Ministers both by his Credit at Court and by good summes of Money given out of his own Estate to provide and send into Lancasheir, Staffordsheir, Westmerland, South Wales and other remote Parts of the kind: able and sufficient ortho: Ministers chosen by the most Judicious Men he was acquainted with, to preach in several Parishes as Need should require, and as directions should be given them; To some of which 40 ministers he allowed 50 lib. per An., to some 40, to some 30, to others lesse; and to ministers in other places 10 lib. and 5 lib. per Annum.

He also in Anno 1625 built a Chapel at his own charge at a Place cald Groombridge in the County of Kent, which was a desolat place in a dirty County, neere 3 miles from any Church; which Chappel cost him above 500 the building, and hath ever since allowed maintenance to a preaching Minister there to the Value of 30 lib. per An. and hath now by his Will endowed the same with 20 lib. per An. for ever. He also in the same yeare new built the Parish Church of Shellingford in the County of Berks., which cost him 200 lib. at least, and in the year 1629 bore the greatest share of new building the Parish church and steeple of Chilton Foliat in the County of Wilts., holding it a great Absurdity to have his own House in those places well built and in good repair, and leave those Houses for the Publike Service of God to be ruinous and ready to fall. 50

For the discharge of his Duty towards his neighbour he was observed to carry himself with so much Respect towards his Betters that he was valued and beloved by all Persons of Quality who knew him, which by reason of his Publike Employment at Court, and his Fidelity in transacting of businesse

were very many, with so much sweetness, freedome and friendliness to his Equals, as gained their Love in an extraordinary manner, it being noted in him that his Advancement in Place, increase of Estate, or any other Worldly Preferment, caused no alteration at all in him ; but that he continued still the same man ; and that his even walking did preserve him in times of greatest danger. And yet his Resolution was so well known to persist in what was just and honest, that those that were acquainted with him would not attempt to corrupt him ; neither would he be by the menaces of the Greatest driven to do that which his Conscience forbade him.

- 10 And for his Charity to the Poore. It was so remarkable in what came to knowledge which was much short of what was done in the whole (as 2606 lib. reckoning the summes per an. but single) that Thousands blessed God for the same. To instance in some partic[ulars]. When he was but a Young Man, and had not much meanes for his owne maintenance, not above 60 lib. per an., spending some Time about Billingbear in Berksheer, and observing the povertie of Wokingham, and some other places therabout, gave 30 lib. per an., the one halfe of that his meanes, unto divers poore people of those places, and hath continued the same to Wokingham. Afterwards, as God Almighty enlarged his Estate, he ever enlarged his Bounty to the Poore of several
- 20 Parishes ; and in the yeare 1615, when his visible Estate was not knowne to be much [above]¹ 120 lib. per an., he was knowne to give quarterly to the Poore of several parishes, sc. to Westminster of the rate of 20 lib. per an., to Olaves Southwarke 10 lib. per an., to St. George Southwark 10 lib. per an., to Windsor 12 lib. per an. ; besides, when in those Times he waited upon the Court to Newmarket, Roiston and Huntington, and staid there any time, He never came thence, but he distributed to such Poore people of eache place, as some honest Inhabitant should nominate, some considerable somme of money to their reliefe. Afterwards as his Estate encreased, he enlarged his Charitie by giving yearly summes of money or Corne or Clothes, instead of Money, to
- 30 the Poore of the Townes of Newbury 20 lib., Reading 20, Hungerford 10 lib., Abingdon 15, Wallingford 15, Wantage 15, Faringdon 14, Shellingford in the County of Berks. 10, and to some other Townes in Wiltshier as Marlborough, Bedwin & Ransbrough besides good summes furnished by him to make Stock for setting the Poore on worke in those and other Places neere adjacent, holding an opinion that giving liberally to the Poore was the most Advantagious way of putting money to Interest and the most compendious way to be rich. And yet though God had much encreased his Substance, he had a care to bound and limit that proportion which might be fitt for him ; and therefore about 12 yeares since, when God had blessed him so in his
- 40 Estate as that he had wherewithall in a competent manner to provide for his subsistence and to leave to his children, which were then 7 in number, he resolved (as he was wont to say) to be no richer in this world, but to make even at every yeares end, and by his frugal expences for his family and Children, and giving the residue to the Poore, and other pious uses, as to Poore Schollers, and the widowes of Poore Ministers. It can not be imagined what cherefulness he would expresse, when he had an oportunitie given him, to shew his charitie to any in distresse, and how largely he would doe it ; as was manifest upon a Motion made for relieving of some poore Ministers banished the Palatinate, at the Parishe Church at Westminster, whereupon he presently contributed
- 50 20 lib. ; so likewise for the poore Rochellours 10 lib., and to many of those poore people he hath bin seene to give in the Street 20s. in gold, When the poore Man or Woeman expected but a small peice of Silver, and were so amazed at it, as that they would run after him, to see who he was, and aske, if he were not Mistaken. His Charitie was very remarkable to the poore Protestants in Ireland ; to whome he contributed upon the Act of Parliament for their reliefe 100 lib. and afterward besides [*sic*] and Adventure of 600 lib.

¹ Not in MS.

towards the recovery of that kingdome; the one halfe wherof he hath by his Will given toward the bringing up of Irish children in the true Protestant Religion, and gave freely 300 more for the reliefe of that kingdom. And after divers other sommes given to poore distressed people of that kingdome whose wants were made knowne to him, He gave the last Summer 100 lib. more to 20 of those people, which were recommended to have lived in good fashion, and were now in some want. And although his Intentions were as he was wont to say, to doe in his Lifetime that, which others deferd to be done till they were dead; yet in his Last Will hath he bequeathed some good summes for the reliefe of the Poore, and other pious uses, as namely 100 lib. to the 10 Hospitall in Tuttle fields for maintenance and education of the poore Orphans there, to whom he had bin formerly beneficial by giving them 100 in present money and 30 per an. for some Time past; 200 lb. more for the maintenance of Poore Schollers as his Executrix shall thinke fitt; and that the Poore of several Parishes might not sodainly be deprived at his Death of what he was wont to give them in his Life, he hath also by his Will given to the Poore of St. Olaves Southwark 10 lib., St. Georges Southwark 10, Spelderst and Groomebridge 20 lib., Wockingham 30 lib., Twickenham where he was borne 20, Shellingford where he dwelt 40, Abingdon 40, Faringdon 20, Lambourn 20, Shaw and Donnington 10, Wallingford 20, Hungerford 20 lib., and 40 per 20 An. to his Wife and Daughter-in-law during their lives to be bestowed in Medicaments for curing Poore and impotent sick and lame People. His vertues and Graces were remarkable, for Justice, Temperance and Moderation, for resolution in all good Causes, for faith and confidence in God's mercies, for patience in Time of Suffering, for charitable passing by and forgiving all Affrontes and Injuries done; so that he was never knowne to be shaken with any losse or adversity, or much troubled at any Injurie done him, God giving him power to slight them, his very Enemies being convinced by his cariage towards them, to whom he was frequently knowne to doe as much good for their Evil as was in his power. In all relations he might be a patterne for 30 others, for Civilitie, Moraltie and Christianitie; a good servant when he was called to it; a good Master to his servants, as his Government, Care and provision for servants may testifie; a good Husband, as his loving and most Affectionate cariage towards his Wife for 36 years and upwards, his care for her and trust in her at his death gives evidence; a good Father as appeareth by the education of his Children and provision for them, in which he esteemed himself happy that he had taken a care of them and saw in his Life time all of them come to some maturity and conceived good hopes they would all tread in his steps in the pursuit of Pietie and Charitie; a good Neighbour; a good freind, and so hath left a good Name, as the consequence of a good 40 life here, whilst he lives in heaven and is Crowned with everlasting Happinesse.

Finis coronat opus.

[Delivered the said MS. to M^r. Roger Bouchier of Worcester College on Thursd. Aug. 3, 1732.]

July 26 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. July 24:—

On Wednesday last, July 19, died at his Seat at Eaton-Hall in Cheshire, Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart., descended from a long Line of illustrious Ancestors, eminent for their Loyalty to their Kings, and services to their 50 Country, to the interest of which he steadily adhered, in the several Parliaments wherein he worthily represented the City of Chester. His bounteous Hospitality, extensive Charity, and peculiar Sweetness of temper were but a part of those many good qualities upon which 'tis needless to enlarge. He married his first Lady, Jane sister to the present Sir William Wyndham, Bart.,

by whom he had one Daughter, who died an Infant. His second Wife was Diana, daughter of Sir George Warburton, of Arley in the County of Chester, Bart. whom he survived; but leaving no Issue, the Dignity and great Estate descends to his second Brother, now Sir Thomas Grosvenor, Bart., representative in Parliament for the City of Chester.

July 27 (Thur.). On Monday morning last (July 24) called upon me Samuel Gale Esq. He told me they are about printing (as soon as they can get a sufficient number of subscribers) the late Mr. Anderson's collection of Charters &c. relating to Scotland. He told me Mr. Horsley 10 had exhausted whatever had been done with relation to Roman Inscriptions, found in Britain. He said this Horsley was a Presbyterian Preacher, & died presently after the printing of his Book, which he said is two guineas and a half price the common Paper. I never yet saw it. It is cryed up by those of the Presbyterian Perswasion.

He said that Montfaucon (what I had heard before) is writing the History of France in Latin & English, in a great many volumes in folio, four of which are already come out, in one of which is the History of William Duke of Normandy's conquest of England, done in an old piece of Tapestry, in which Tapestry is likewise the history (besides its being 20 represented in Figures) to be read in ancient Letters, containing particulars not to be met with elsewhere. In this work Montfaucon takes in all old Evidences & Monuments, anywhere to be met with in France, relating to their Kings.

He said Mr. Stukley is upon a large work of Scripture History (the New Testament only) which he will illustrate from Coins.

This day preached the Assize Sermon at Oxford, Dr. Richard Banner of University College (who married a sister of the late Dr. Henry Sacheverell, and now lives with her in St. Gyles's, Oxford) & made a very dull heavy sermon, little or nothing to the business of an Assize, as 30 I am told.

July 28 (Fri.). Yesterday morning early died Mr. Richard Vesey, B.D., Rector of Brightwell (near Watlington) & of Noke (near Oxford) in Oxfordshire. He was formerly Fellow of Magd. Coll. in Oxford. He took the Degree of M.A. Feb. 13, 1685, and that of B.D. on Feb. 11, 1697. He died in the 70th year of his age, being about 3 weeks more than 69. He was never married. He was a whimsical man.

On Wed. last, being July 26, came to Oxford to be entered of Queen's College Edmund Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham, son of John Sheffield, late Duke of Buckingham by Catherine, natural Daughter of King 40 James II (by Catherine only Daughter of Sir Charles Sedley, Baronet). This young Duke hath been travelling. He was born in 1716.

July 29 (Sat.). Samuel Gale Esq. told me on Monday morning last, that curious men in London &c. are now strangely busy in collecting forreign Antiquities, and that they spare no charges on that account.

July 27, 1732. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 162). On the death of B. L. Calvert [see Diary, Aug. 7 almost *verbatim*]. He had once saved Calvert from insult at Rome; [see Diary, Aug. 14, 15].

On Tuesday morning July 25, Roger Gale Esq. (elder Brother of the said Samuel Gale Esq.) and his son (who was lately of the Univ. of Cambridge) called upon me & Samuel Gale aforesaid was with them. Roger Gale then told me he had a very noble MS. of Polychronicon, the same his Father made use of in printing some extracts of English Affairs, that happened before the Conquest. He said he would lend me this MS. when I pleased, if I would undertake to print Polychronicon at large.

July 30 (Sun.). On Wed. at noon, July 26, Roger Gale Esq. called upon me again, being by himself. He then told me, that one ¹⁰ Cradock had some time ago a large MS. containing the Wills of the Archdeacony of Richmond of the time of Edw. IV, but that 'tis now lost. That afternoon he and his Brother & Son left Oxford and went to Woodstock & from thence to Mr. Willis's at Whaddon Hall.

Before the said Roger Gale went from Oxford, he went to Corpus Cristi Coll. & inspected the Exemplar in MS. of the Scots paying Homage to England. This he did upon my mentioning it to him, tho' I never saw it my self. He said it was of the latter end of Q. Elizabeth or beginning of K. James I. The Oxford Edition was printed from it. The Editor I am apt to think Mr. Fulman. The Society of Antiquaries ²⁰ have lately printed it from two Exemplars, but later, tho' as Mr. Gale says more authentick than that at Corpus, in which they have not taken the least notice of the Oxford Edition, being ignorant of it.

July 31 (Mon.). Mr. Taylor, the present Librarian of Cambridge, having met with a note among the late Bp of Ely Dr. Moore's MSS. concerning the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, Mr. Baker hath sent it me by Letter of the 16th in lieu of a note I sent him some time ago to the same purpose. It is this:—

Oct. 31, 1698, Mr. Thomas Caulton, Vicar of Worksop in Nottinghamshire (in the presence of Mr. William Thornton & his Lady, Madam Frances ³⁰ Heathcote, Mrs. Mary Ash, Mrs. Mary Caulton, & John Hewyt rector of Hart hill) declared the words following; viz. Nov. 5, 1689, at Shire Oake, Madam Ayre of Bampton after dinner, took me up into her Chamber, & told me that her Daughter Moyser of Beverley was dead, & that in that month she had buried her Husband & severall Relations, but that her Comfort was, that by her monthly Sacraments she participated still with them in the Communion of Saints. Then she went to her Closet and fetched out a Manuscript, which, she said, was the Originall of the Whole Duty of Man, tied together & stitched in 8^{vo} like Sermon Notes. She untied it, saying it was Dr. Fell's Correction and that the Author was the Lady Packington (her mother) ⁴⁰ in whose hand it was written. To prove this, the said Mr. Caulton further added that she said she had shewn it to Dr. Covell, Master of Christ's College in Cambridge, Dr. Stamford Prebendary of York and Mr. Banks the present Incumbent of the Great Church in Hull. She added withall that *The Decay of Christian Piety* was hers (the Lady Packinton's) also, but disowned any of the rest to be her Mother's. This is a true Copy of what I wrote, from Mr. Caulton's mouth, two days before his decease. Witness my hand, Nov. 15, 98. John Hewyt.

In the Baronetage of England by Mr. Collins Vol. II, pag. 202, 203, at the Packington Family 'As she (Lady Packington) has the Reputation ⁵⁰

of being thought the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, as the manuscript under her own hand now remains with the Family, there's hardly room to doubt.'

'And yet notwithstanding' says Mr. Baker 'you may find reason to doubt.' And indeed I now doubt more than ever. She might (and so without doubt she did) transcribe, and yet not be the Author. As I never did believe her to be the Author, so much less now after this note is come to me. Bishop Fell certainly knew who the Author was, and he makes him to have wrote all those pieces that were printed by the
10 Bishop's care in folio at the Theatre. The Author had been at Rome, and is described in the Bishop's Preface as a Man. After all that may have been said to the contrary, Mr. Woodhead as yet bids fairest.

Aug. 1 (Tu.). On Monday in the afternoon, July 24, one Mrs. Wright poisoned her infant child, a very pretty Girl, about half a year old, by giving it a dose of Laudanum, which she bought just before of a servant to Mr. Leaver, and apothecary in St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, in which Parish she lived, tho' she was Parishioner to St. Michael's, Mr. Leaver himself being not at home. 'Twas soon discovered, but she got off & went to Cowley near Oxford, & she is said to have attempted to drown
20 herself there in a well, but was prevented some way or other. She was pursued by several persons from Oxford, who went after her different ways, and just beyond Cowley she was apprehended by Mr. John Shepherd, one of the overseers of St. Peter's, she being supposed to be coming back again, having not power, as is believed, to go farther, and was by him brought on foot to Oxford. As she came along, she confessed the fact of her own accord, & acknowledged it to be wilful murder, & that she ought and was ready to dye for it. Her husband, who is a Taylor, hath been absent from her for some time, being not able for her wickedness to abide with her, and she hath kept company with one Train
30 a Journey-man shoemaker, who fathered this child, tho' as she came along she told Mr. Shepherd that she had wrongfully charged it upon Train, for tho' he had frequently layn with her, yet she said that 'twas got by a Gentleman of University College (before Train had any knowledge of her body) from whom she never had any more than thirteen shillings and six pence.

As soon as she was brought to Oxford, she was carried before the Mayor, Alderman Nicolls, but after they had waited about 3 hours, he (being with his Companions over a Bowl of Punch) ordered her to be sent to Bridewell in St. Michael's Parish, saying that he would defer the
40 committment of her for murther 'till next day. Being put into Bridewell, she contrived to strangle herself with her garters, though they thought they had sufficiently secured her from any thing by which she might destroy herself. Being found dead in the morning, the Mayor is highly condemned for his Supineness & Indiscretion, no one doubting, but if she had been put into a proper place, she would have been handcuffed and watched so as to prevent her murdering herself.

Aug. 1, 1732. Clement Cottrell at Rousham, to H. (Rawl. 14. 90). If the book be published yet, send it by the bearer. Mr. Arundell, Mr. Isaack Sampson and myself will subscribe for the next.

That Morning (being Tuesday Morning) the Coroner's Inquest sate upon the Child, & found it wilfull murther, the Poison being found in the Child in a great Cake or Lump after it was opened by a Chirurgeon.

After that, the Coroner sate in the afternoon upon the body of the Woman, & it being (as in such cases) a different Jury, they brought her in *non compos*, notwithstanding it was plain she murdered herself, and that too wilfully, she having, just after the death of her Child, as she was going off, put ten shillings (being what money she had) into the hands of one M^{rs}. Holdship, a midwife, which is an argument that she designed to make away with herself, & not to return again to her house, & indeed 10 (as hath been noted above) she did attempt to drown herself.

It is publicly and frequently said, that this Woman destroyed two of her children (the only ones, that I hear of, by her husband) before, one by smothering it between the blanketts, the other by letting it mortify by lying in it's own filth, she being a nasty, drunken creature herself, tho' she was once pretty handsome. She was buried in St. Michael's churchyard on Thursday, July 27.

Aug. 2 (Wed.). On Saturday last, July 29, M^r. Burslem was admitted actual Fellow of Magd. College without a year of Probationship, the Visitor having so ordered it upon consideration of his being kept out the 20 year before.

This last election of Demies at Magd. Coll. M^r. Hiley, the schoolmaster of Reading had a son chosen Demy.

On the 9th of last month at Completown and some other places in Scotland was something of an earthquake, which continued above the 20th part of a minute; and in the night between the 12th and 13th of that month was a most frightfull storm of wind and rain in several parts of that kingdom.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, July 31:—

The Rev. M^r. Roger Lawrence, celebrated for his Labours on Lay-Baptism, 30 for which he was created M.A. by the University of Oxford, is dead of a tedious Indisposition that had long preyed upon his Spirits, occasioned by too close an Application to his Studies.¹

Dr. Gale used to write his Remarks in loose Papers, and when he was publishing any Book, he would from little References in scraps of Paper write notes, just as the Printer wanted them, and no otherwise.

Aug. 3 (Thur.). Yesterday morning Colonel Dormer of Rousham called upon me. He was urgent that I would reprint Leland's Itinerary & Collectanea, as some others have been, but could not prevail. He said the Dutch or some others would do it, & so indeed it hath been 40 threatened a good while, but they have not met with encouragement.

He likewise urged me to put out an Edition of Freinshemius's Supplements to Livy. I told him I had many years agoe put out Proposals for doing it by Subscription, many then also desiring an Edition of me, but upon tryal I found they would not encourage it. He spoke mighty well of my Livy and other Performances.

¹ ' 'Tis a mistake'; note by Hearne.

Aug. 4 (Fri.). Mr. Richard Russell, A.M., formerly of Univ. Coll., now a Nonjuring Clergyman, hath just published *Vida's Works*, in two volumes in 8vo, making use of the Edition at Cremona lent him by Dr. Rawlinson. I have just seen it, and by a cursory view think that it excells, in many respects, what they lately did of this Author's at Oxford, where they took too great a liberty of correcting and altering the text. Mr. Russell hath dedicated it to Mr. Pope the poet.

Mr. Baker, in his Letter from Cambridge of July 16 last, told me that among the late Bishop of Ely's MSS. he met with a curious Letter (so he stiled it) concerning Chaucer, wanting directions, but dated Oxon., May 28, 1709, & subscribed *Tho. Hearne*. I rarely keep copies of my Letters, but I did keep a copy of one I wrote to Mr. Bagford, & I have since printed it in Robert of Gloucester, but it hath no date, nor name of the Place from whence wrote, but I take it to be the same mentioned by Mr. Baker, of which Mr. Bagford let copies be taken. I am sure Mr. Urry had one, and the late Bishop Atterbury when he was Dean of Christ Church had also one, as he told me himself in Christ Church Quadrangle one afternoon, when I was going with him to Christ Church Library, Mr. Charles Aldrich, since Doctor of Divinity, being with us, at which time Dr. Atterbury was pleased also to stile it a curious letter.

Mr. Baker gave Mr. Bagford a folio volume of Chaucer, printed by Caxton, greatly imperfect, and yet he was very thankfull for it; being so very imperfect, it cannot appear whether it contained all his works; Mr. Baker presumes not, & so do I. But it must be a curiosity. Tell Mr. Loveday in his travells to enquire after pieces printed by Caxton, particularly his Chronicle, a book much used formerly by Buchanan & other Scottish Historical writers, tho' they took occasion often to confute him.

Aug. 5 (Sat.). In my Preface to Hemingford I mention a MS. New Testament, supposed to be Wickliff's. I have mentioned its age, which I gathered from the Kalendar, and from thence it appears to be a great Rarity, being wrote whilst Wickliff was yet a good Catholic, and it may shew, there was a Translation before Wickliff, which is now much disputed.

Roger Gale Esq. told me tother day, when he was here in Oxford, that Mr. Martin hath married the late Mr. Peter le Neve's widow, who

Aug. 4, 1732. Daniel & Ann Dean to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 268). 'I return you many thanks for your great kins to me when I was at Oxford. I lay att the sime of the Black Hors on this side the Bridg and set out at 4 a'clock. I went to the layer I told you of at Wickham, and he tells me that they can give me trobel, if thay are so hard mouth as to sware and that the first end with such folk is best and agree if wee cold and I have been with thare layer, and he lacks 5 pound and I will not give it him yet. I will see furdre yet.' [See Diary, Aug. 5.]

Aug. 5, 1732. H. to Ann Dean, his sister (Rawl. 27 B. 268). 'I am a stranger to your affair. If the demand be just, it ought to be satisfyed; if unjust, you know how to proceed better than I can direct. I cannot expect that the Party that insists upon unjust Demands can ever thrive. Nor can I expect any better of such as detain what really belongs to another. Consider therefore the matter & be sure to act uprightly in it.'

was servant maid to the said le Neve, a very pretty Woman. This Mr. Martin (he said) is well skilled in our Antiquities, and well able to digest Mr. Le Neve's collections for the Antiquities of Norfolk & Suffolk.

M^{rs}. Dodwell widow of the late Mr. Dodwell's father's name was John Allnot, a butcher of Cookham near Maidenhead in Berks., and her mother's name was Ann Spratley. So I am informed, at my request, from my brother in Law, Mr. Daniel Dean, by Letter from Holspur Heath near Beaconsfield, Aug. 4, 1732, signed by himself and my sister Ann.

Aug. 6 (Sun.). The present Sir Clement Cottrell, master of the 10 Ceremonies, is a very bookish man, as I have been well assured, & very curious, and able to do something considerable in our History and Antiquities. He is for retirement & for being free from noise and hurry, as much as his affairs will permitt.

Aug. 7 (Mon.). My Friend the Hon^{ble} Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq. died June 1st, 1732, old stile, of a Consumption, in the Charles, Capt. Watts commander, and was buried in the Sea. When he left England he seemed to think indeed, that he was becoming an Exile, and that he should never see his native Country more; and yet neither myself nor any else could dissuade him from going. He was as well beloved 20 as an angel could be in his Station (he being Governour of Maryland), for our plantations have a natural aversion to their Governours, upon account of their too usual exactions, pillages and plunderings; but Mr. Calvert was free from all such, and therefore there was no need of complaint on that score; but then it was argument enough to be harassed, that he was their governour, and not only such, but brother to Lord Baltimore, the Lord Proprietor of Maryland, a thing which himself declared to his friends, who were likewise too sensible of it; and the same may appear also from a speech or two of his on occasion of some distraction, which tho' in print I never yet saw. I had a sincere 30 respect for him, and he and I used to spend much time together in searching after curiosities &c., so that he hath often said, that 'twas the most pleasant part of his Life, as other young Gentlemen likewise then in Oxford have also as often said, that the many agreeable hours we used to spend together on the same occasions were the most entertaining & most pleasant part of their Lives. As Mr. Calvert & the rest of those young Gentlemen (several of which as well as Mr. Calvert were of noble Birth) used to walk & divert themselves with me in the Country, much notice was taken thereof, & many envied out happiness. When Mr. Calvert was at Rome, he was once secured from insults, if not 40 mischiefs, by the advice of a particular friend, an English gentleman, then at Rome. Mr. Calvert had been one of the Communion of the Church of Rome, which being too well known in that City, he was more indiscreet than one would have expected from one of his excellent sense and caution, in his commerce with the Jesuits and others of the English College there, which was the more dangerous, as divers do not doubt to give out, that the inhabitants of Italy in general scruple not the use of the stilletto, poison &c., where they entertain a prejudice. Mr. Calvert designed to write a description & history of Maryland, for which he had

suitable abilities, & I doubt not but he made good Progress therein. He wrote me a long Letter from thence, dated at Annapolis March 18, 1728, in which are several particulars relating to the Island, and at the same time sent me *Holdsworth's Muscipula* in Latin and English, translated by R. Lewis, and dedicated to Mr. Calvert. 'Twas printed at Annapolis that year, & is one of the first things ever printed in that Country. Mr. Lewis was then (& perhaps, if living, may be still) a schoolmaster at Annapolis, and formerly belonged to Eaton.

10 **Aug. 8 (Tu.).** To enquire, whether Mr. Graves hath anything in his MS. history of Eynsham &c. about Adam abbat of Einsham, who was deposed anno 1228 & is said in the MS. History of Dunstaple to be succeeded by the Prior of Freston?

This day I wrote to the hon^{ble} Cuthbert Constable Esq. and took notice to him in particular, that tho' I have not been successfull, yet I have spared no pains in my inquiries about Mr. Abr. Woodhead. It seems he was so humble and modest a man, that he contrived as much as possible, that we should have very lame and imperfect accounts of him. I took notice, that many have said, that the old Lady Packington was Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, for no better reason than this, that
20 there is a MS. of it written with her own hand, and corrected by the hand of Bishop Fell. Bishop Fell for certain knew who the Author was. He describes him as a man, and the Author no doubt had been at Rome, as may appear from the folio Edition of the Works going under the name of the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, printed at the Theater. The MS. of Lady Packington weighs very little with me for her being Author. The first Copies of *The Whole Duty of Man* seen in Yorkshire were those that Mr. Woodhead sent to his Relations &c. Mr. Woodhead died in 1678, and 'twas in that year the last piece of the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man* came out. I also took notice that I was misinformed that
30 Dr. Nath. Johnston's MSS. collections are in the Heralds Office, and that I lately heard, that his nephew hath them as mentioned above in this Volume.

Aug. 9 (Wed.). Both the Latin and English (the English Translation I mean by Mr. Newlin) of Bishop Parker's History of his own Times, were, it seems, designed for the Press together, but both were castrated and altered at the same time. The castrations, which I have not seen, are handed about, and I am told some of them are severe enough against the P. of Orange, whom he seems to have prophetically mentioned. But when I told Mr. Samuel Parker (the Person who made them) of these
40 castrations and alterations, he answered me (and that too at several different times) that there was not one material thing omitted or changed, & yet I had many times before the book came out, heard him say, that he would make such changes & omissions, being afraid that he would

Aug. 8, 1732. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 30), [See Diary, Aug. 8.]

Aug. 9, 1732. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 87). Sends a copy of Vita Willelmi Bateman, bishop of Norwich, now preserved at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

otherwise give offence, tho' at the same time I told him, that he should print all or none.

Aug. 10 (Thur.). Quære about one Mr. Ames of London, who called upon me on Tuesday and Wednesday last, on purpose to talk about some Curiosities and Antiquities, but he was a perfect stranger to me, nor do I find that he was ever of any University.

He told me one Tindale, a Clergyman that translated Rapin's History into English, designs to write and publish the Antiquities of Essex, having made great Collections that way.

Yesterday died the oldest man in Oxford, Mr. Tredwell of Cairfax, in ¹⁰ the 96 year of his age. He formerly in King Charles II's time &c. let leases & got a good stock of money, but was of no Trade. He was born at Islip. His Daughter married one Dodwell, a Barber, who lives with his said wife at Cairfax, and there it was that Tredwell died. This Mr. Tredwell used to walk two or three times a day constantly in Christ Church white walk, & he would till lately walk frequently to Bessilsley in Berks. (where & elsewhere as I hear he had an Estate) in a morning and back again by dinner time, & that too when he was 92 years old. He walked I am told to Wightham¹ in Berks. 3 miles from Oxford last Sunday, & drinking some sorry liquor, it occasioned his death, otherwise, ²⁰ considering how hearty a man he was, he might have lived much longer. Some time since talking with him, I found he did not know what pain was, except by one or two little fits of the collick, & that he had no defect but a little decay in his sight. His father was a Tanner of Islip, & since what goes before was wrote, I hear this Tredwell followed it for some time. It seems this Mr. Tredwell the son died possessed of an Estate of six score and ten lbs. per an. which he got by a miserable stingy close Life, not allowing himself hardly necessities, nor would he drink at his own charges, tho' at other mens charges he would be free in drinking. He was so stingy as to deny himself candle at going to bed, but would go ³⁰ to bed in the dark. This is what is said, tho' at the same time 'tis allowed he was an honest man, & I see no doubt but he must have been a cautious temperate man, & not given to vice.

Aug. 11 (Fri.). Last Tuesday Mr. John Balle told me, he had hitherto printed nothing but an English Translation of a small Tract of Bellarmine, and an English Translation of Gyllius, and a new Edition of Spenser's Kalendar. Talking with him then of various matters, I found that he designs other things & it may be somewhat in Antiquity.

Aug. 10, 1732. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 117). 'If Otterbourne is published, I desire you would send the same by my Boy who comes to the Star & Garter in the Cornmarket and goes from thence next Saturday morning pretty early.' Asks if Lord Herbert of Cherbury published a Dialogue between a Tutor and his pupil. Would like some verses published at Cambridge by Dr. Dibbins. [See Diary, Sept. 18.]

Aug. 10, 1732. E. Lye to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 74). Thanks for H.'s letter of July 26. The *principale legatum* is still paid as limited by the Act of Hen. VIII.

¹ 'Twas not Wightham but to a House he had near Cumnor'; note by Hearne.

The Parishioners of St. Peter's in the East, being not satisfied with Dr. Brooke's late decree, have agreed to appeal against Sedgley and Clarke, and there was a great Bustle about it on Tuesday the 8th inst., & next night the two Churchwardens (viz. Mr. — Horne, and Mr. William More) and Mr. Thomas Speakman & Mr. Thomas Leaver met about it at Mr. Bradley the Professor of Astronomy's, who desired their Company, he being a Parishioner & one of those that pay Taxes.

Aug. 12 (Sat.). Last night old Mr. Tredwell was buried at Cairfax. It is said that he died worth four thousand Pounds.

- 10 Towards the beginning of July last died Mr. Moyle, a student in the Inner Temple, son to the late Walter Moyle of Beck in the County of Devon, Esq., and nearly related to William Cleveland Esq., one of the Commissioners of the Navy. What character the son had I know not; perhaps Mr. West can tell; but the father was, tho' an ingenious man, yet a man of vile republican Principles, a great Enemy to the Fathers of the Church, and in religion a Sceptick. You may see more of him at the end of the second volume of John of Glastonbury, that I published.

- Aug. 13 (Sun.).** Last night was another meeting of Mr. Bradley, Mr. Horne, Mr. Moore, Mr. Thomas Speakman & Mr. Leaver, and it was 20 at Mr. Leaver's House in St. Peter's in the East, about Sedgley's affair. [NB. the matter is since dropt.]

About the beginning of June last died the Reverend and Learned Edmund Calamy D.D., one of the most eminent Dissenting ministers in this Kingdom, as we are told in the Prints.

About the beginning of July last the Prints tell us that, after a tedious Indisposition, died Narcissus Lutterel Esq., at Little Chelsea, a Gentleman possessed of a plentiful Estate and descended from the antient Family of the Lutterels of Dunstar Castle in Somersetshire.

- I formerly (a great many years ago) collected many sheets of Paper 30 from MSS. in the Bodl. Library relating to the family of Lutterel for the said Narcissus Lutterel Esq., which I did at his request, he writing upon that account to Mr. (since Dr.) John Holland of Merton College, whom he desired to prevail with me.

- Aug. 14 (Mon.).** The foresaid Mr. Luttrell was well known for his curious Library, especially for the number and scarcity, of English History and Antiquities, which he collected in a lucky Hour, at very reasonable rates, books of that nature tho' they have always bore good prices, being much cheaper than they have been of late years. But tho' he was so curious & diligent in collecting and amassing together, yet he affected to 40 live so privately as hardly to be known in person, and yet for all that he must be attended to his grave by judges and the first of his Profession in the Law, to whom (such was the sordidness of his temper) he would not have given a meal's meat in his life. As a recommendation of his collection of books, we are told it was preserved in that place, where Mr. Lock and Lord Shaftesbury studied, whose principles it may be he imbibed. No doubt but 'tis a very extraordinary collection. In it are many MSS. which however he had not the spirit to communicate to the world, and 'twas a mortification to him to see the world gratified with them without

his assistance. An instance hereof is Leland, of whose works he had, I am told, a transcript of a considerable age, & when I was publishing him he was pressed more than once to communicate it (as I very lately heard) but to no purpose. He hath left a son, who is likewise a bookish man.

Aug. 15 (Tu.). I cannot yet learn the day of Bishop Atterbury's death, nor the immediate cause of his death, tho' some have assured me 'twas the Gout in the Stomack. There was much difficulty and trouble in the beginning over the Corps, and great indiscretion in putting some of his Papers in the Coffin; the present Dutchess of Bucks. is thought to have retired to Paris upon that account, so that here was either folly or knavery, I know not which. Mr. Morris, the Executor, who married his daughter (but she is dead) was in no degree of favour with the Bishop, when last with him, and this because he took the Bishop's Grand-daughter from him, and it is thought his Executorship was an act of necessity in the absence of the Bishop's son, who was some time since of Christ Church, but so degenerate & extravagant, that to cure him he was removed and sent to the Indies. And here the Providence of Almighty God ought to be particularly admired and taken notice of. The Bishop and his Brother, Dr. Lewis Atterbury (who was older but much inferior in parts and learning to the Bishop) never agreed; the latter as far as possible disinherits the former and his issue, leaves it to an only daughter; the Doctor dies first, the Bishop soon after, and the daughter soon follows; the son returns and contrary to all appearance becomes heir to all. The Bishop (I must here acquaint you,) was a true English man and as such, as far as they dared, despised by the Scots, tho' by his influence in a certain Court he procured an Order to the Scots Episcopal Clergy effectual to unite them, and so much he designed also for the English Nonjurors whose cause he espoused, and whom he advised to an union in some points, in which they have imprudently differed; and this I am assured by a friend, who had it from him in a letter of a late date. The Bishop was no ill poet, in English & Latin. He formerly discovered a fine talent that way, and as a farther proof he hath left a Translation of Virgil's *Eclogues*, which is said to be in Mr. Pope's hands, to which he prefixed these lines

Haec ego lusi
Ad Sequanae ripas, Tamesino a flumine longe,
Jam senior fractusque, sed ipsa morte meorum
Quos colui, patriaeque memor, neque degener usquam.

This Bishop's body after leave was granted for conveying it into England, was long kept on shipboard, and there being not the common caution of an Embassadour's seal to preserve it from opening, the coffin was opened & the corps visited in a most indecent manner; but at length it was delivered to his next relation Mr. Morris, who whether for want of care or interest, could not procure him the common favour of a decent funeral. For 24 hours he lay in a room with the workmen's tools, and at last he was carried unattended, except by two, to whom it is thought he was not too well affected, to his daughter's grave in Westminster Abbey, in such a manner, as if those who had the care of the corps had dreaded Bayliffs. Bishop Wilcox (now Bishop of Rochester, and even so while the true

Bishop thereof the said Bishop Atterbury lived) whether affected by joy, respect or concern I know not, offered his own and the choirs service to pay the Abbey's true Master (for Dr. Atterbury was Dean of Westminster as well as Bishop of Rochester, though deprived of both) his due funeral honors, but the Duke of Newcastle, one of Secretaries of State, was pleased to let them know his Master's mind on that subject, that such a distinction and respect would be very disagreeable, and contribute very little towards a translation to a better Bishoprick.

Aug. 16 (Wed.). Mr. Carte very lately set out for Ireland, in order to collect some materials for the lives of the Ormond family, which England could not supply. In his searches he met with several Letters relating to the Wharton family, which not directly relating to his own design, he was pleased to give to Dr. Rawlinson. They contain some curious and whimsical private affairs of that old Puritanical family.

Since what is wrote above, I hear that Bishop Atterbury died Feb. 22, old style, 1732 $\frac{1}{2}$, but of this I hope to say more hereafter.

I hear that the Story above inserted from the Northampton Mercury (and 'twas in other newspapers) about the death of Mr. Laurence is groundless, him I mean, who was created M.A. at Oxford for his pieces against Lay Baptism, recommended by Charles Wheatley.

Aug. 17 (Thur.). I have above observed that the note about Lady Packington's being the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man* does not convince me. Nor does the authority of Mr. Collins, author of the Baronetage of England, give it any great weight, who (as I am told) was only a Bookseller, before he set up for an Antiquary. I never saw his Book, but I must hear that he hath said anything concerning that Lady's death. She was certainly living when Dr. Hammond died at her house circa an. 1660.

It may be proper upon this occasion to consult what I formerly wrote in one of these Volumes of Memoirs, relating to Archbishop Sancroft's being Author; for tho' I do not now believe that he was so, yet he might likewise know who was Author, as well as Bishop Fell, and if a club of learned persons consulted and joyned together on that occasion, & so perfected and compleated that and the other works, then the Lady Packington might be one of them. And yet even after all it seems to be one person only, saving that it might have been corrected and revised by several, and then 'twill be no wonder, that it might be transcribed by more than one, while still the Author's Original was industriously concealed, and it may be to prevent discovery intirely destroyed.

Aug. 17, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 67). 'I did suspect that you might not have seen the Articles [see Sep. 22], not being to be had for moneys. But I having received a copy from one good friend, I send it to another, & beg your acceptance of it, together with the Catalogue.' Thanks H. for his 'large account' of the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*. Archbishop Sancroft was in Italy in 1660, but whether at Rome B. does not know. 'His style is stiff and so is Bishop Fell's . . . which is justly reflected upon by Dr. Tilletson, for it is really boyish, such as they bring from Westminster. By the style, I should think neither of the two to be the Author. Mr. Woodhead was a great man, & could do anything to advantage.'

Aug. 18 (Fri.). But tho' we will not allow that the Lady Packington was the real Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, or of any piece besides published under the name of that Author, yet I can assure the Reader from better authority, that her daughter M^{rs}. Eyre was really an author. Dr. Jenkin (late Master of St. John's College in Cambridge) wrote a Defence of the Profession of John [Lake], late Bishop of Chichester, printed anno MDCXC, wherein he takes occasion to answer and expose, *A Letter from a Person of Quality in the North, concerning Bp. Lake's late Declaration &c.*, and being in the dark, gives very hard words not knowing the Author to be M^{rs}. Eyre, as I am well assured, and so is my Friend Mr. Baker of Cambridge, who hath been pleased to write on this head to me on the 3rd of this present month, she really was. A Vindication of that Letter soon after appearing, the Doctor replies with more eagerness, & treats the Author thereof very roughly, & with language not becoming a Lady, who however by this appears to have abandoned her Mother's Principles, unless you will except that, of concealing her name.

Aug. 19 (Sat.). On Thursday last Mr. John Jones, curate of Abbot's Ripton in Huntingdonshire, called upon me, and then I delivered him back the Transcript he had lent me of Mr. Ferrar's account of King Charles I's reception at Little Gidding. 20

Mr. Jones told me some young Gentleman (but he did not mention his name) was concerting Affairs in order to compile the Antiquities of Huntingdonshire. [His name is J. Clement, jun., of Woodstone in Hartfordshire; Aug. 28, 1733.]

Aug. 20 (Sun.). On Friday last was the Burlace Club at the King's Head Tavern in Oxford, at which time as usual a fine Woman was pitched upon for the Toast for the next year. There was a very great appearance from many parts of England, and even some from Wales. The youngest of Sir John Stonehouse's daughters, a most beautifull Creature, was the Tost for the preceding year, and now another of his Daughters, also an exquisite Beauty, was chosen for the following year. [Mem. that they will not allow it to be called a Club, but only *The High Borlase*.] 30

Yesterday at one Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation, when three or four of the Burlace Club were created Doctors of Civil Law, three of which I hear are Lord Litchfield, Lord Craven and Sir Thomas Sebright. [Also Lord Gower.]

Yesterday called upon me Walter Price Esq., the Attorney, with his son of Oriel College. He talked much of his MSS. Papers, but it seems they are locked up. And there are not wanting those that say 'tis a Banter, Mr. Price being a noted Banterer. 40

Aug. 19, 1732. H. to Thomas Bowdler in Queen's Square, London (Rawl. 28. 30). 'I little expected to have heard from you that you had received by Capt. Orme's order twenty pounds more for me. I have this day received the said twenty pounds of M^r. Richard Godfrey, one of our Oxford waggoners. As I remember, my Friend Mr. Walden was murdered in 1719, so that his Legacy hath been by the management of friends of much better advantage to me than I could have ever proposed. Among these friends you are particularly to be reckoned.'

Aug. 21 (Mon.). When Mr. Baker found the Memoir (for 'tis from him I had it) about Mrs. Eyre, he met with another MS. (not printed that he knows of) being *Advice to a Friend, for the reading of English History, with an Account of our Historians &c.* by T. B., dated Queen's College Oxon., Oct. 30, 1656. This no doubt was Thomas Barlow. I must remember to ask Mr. Baker, what sort of thing it is, & what Historians he mentions. Barlow was a thorough-paced Calvinist, whose Judgment I never much admired, tho' many have cryed him up. He was always great with Sir William Dugdale, a man however of a different Stamp.

10 He also met with at the same time in MS. the said Thomas Barlow's *Ἀποσχεδιάσματα de studio Theologiae 1674*, which is printed twice, tho' not without faults, in the correct Edition, by Mr. Osley.

In Bishop Humphreys's Account of the Deans of Bangor MS., sent me by Mr. Baker:—'to whome I find a deed pass't upon some lands in Bangor, by the name of Richard Colland, dean of Bangor, dated Ap. 5, in the 9th year of the reign of K. Henry VII, which if that King's reign be computed from Aug. 1485, must then fall to be in the beginning of 1500'. Should it not be 19th for 9th. [It should be 19th without doubt, as Mr. Baker told me afterwards, tho' it be 9th in the MS.]¹

20 **Aug. 22 (Tu.).** Dr. Robert Wittie, who writ of the Scarbrough Spaw in Yorkshire, was a man of parts and learning, but he seems to me to have been of the puritan or calvinistical Strain. In pag. 42 of the second ed. of his Book about that Spaw, he mentions the members of the late *reverend Assembly of Divines, in that their excellent Exposition upon the Book of Job.*

Aug. 23 (Wed.). The MS. Letter, Mr. Baker writ me word of, concerning Chaucer, is the same that I writ to Mr. Bagford (and have printed in Robert of Gloucester) as Mr. Baker hath informed me, but I wanted the date, and I am glad he helped me to it. The Bishop of Ely, Dr. More, 30 had it from Mr. Bagford, who collected every thing, that was curious, for him, and Mr. Baker hath met with his (Mr. Bagford's) hand and notes upon several books, in that Bishop's noble collection, who was not unmindfull of the service he did him, by helping him to a Place in the Charter House, which was a comfortable support to him in his elderly years. It was a blot upon the nation & more particularly upon the City of London, that honest John Stow was not better provided for, & should, in his old age, be put upon asking the Charity of Christian people.

Aug. 24 (Thur.). Sir Isaac Newton, tho' a great Mathematician, was a man of very little Religion, in so much that he is ranked with the

Aug. 23, 1732. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 350) [see Diary, Aug. 27]. 'I hear we shall have a very good account of our English coins and they will be very finely graved by Mr. Vertue. The work is undertaken by Mr. Martin Folkes.' Sends an account of the Cartulary of Dunstable. Offers to lend it. 'I am sorry you have not a good opinion of Mr. John Norden. I think he deserves a better.'

¹ Hearne's arithmetic is defective here.—Ed.

Heterodox men of the age. Nay they stick not to make him, with respect to belief, of no better principles than Mr. Woolaston, who hath written so many vile books and made so much noise. Which Woolaston, it seems, is supported and countenanced by very great persons, nay even by the Government itself, as may be gathered from many arguments, and particularly from what follows that we have from London of the 19th inst., and is inserted in the common Prints of the News Writers:—

The following Lines were wrote on her Majesty's setting up the Bustoes of Mr. Locke, Sir Isaac Newton, Mr. Woolaston and Dr. Clarke, in the Hermitage at Richmond.

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Sic siti laetantur docti

With Honour thus by Carolina placed,
How are these venerable Bustoes graced!
O Queen! with more than regal Titles crowned,
For Love of Arts and Piety renowned,
How do the Friends of Virtue joy to see
Her darling Sons exalted thus by thee.
Nought to their Fame can now be added more,
Revered by her whom all mankind adore.

[NB. 'Tis not Woolaston, but Wolston, that hath written these vile books. What Woolaston hath done bears a better Character than any thing of Wolston's, tho' even his is also bad enough, as I learn, having not read it myself. 'Tis not Woolaston (who is dead) but Wolston that is supported by the Government, or at least by great personages of vile principles.]

The coins that Mr. George Ballard met with at Cirencester are of Julia Constantina (Emp. to Constantius Gallus), of Arcadius and Honorius, with some good Coins of the Constantine Family, with reverses that he had not met with before. He positively assures me, in his Letter of July 18th last from Campden, the Coins were really found at Cirencester, the Person of whom he purchased 'em having no notion of raising the value of a Coin by giving a new birthplace. He hath bought other coins of the same person, which have been found at Salisbury, Bath &c.

Aug. 25 (Fri.). Tho' I do not remember ever to have seen any coin of Edw. the Vth, yet John Ross in p. 213 of his Hist. Regum Angliae assures us there was money coined in his name:—*Moneta tunc facta sub ejus nomine est percussa & formata &c.*

I find that 'tis a common Error now adays to mistake Ric. II's coins and to ascribe them to Ric. III. Indeed I have seen of Ric. III's coins, such as without doubt are his, the face being shrivelled & little as his was, tho' he was but a very young man, as John Ross tells us p. 216, *parvae staturae erat, curtam habens faciem &c.*, whereas those coins that by mistake they ascribe to Ric. II have a beautifull face, agreeable to what all say of Ric. II.

Aug. 26 (Sat.). I wrote some time ago to Mr. Murray about coins of Ric. III, upon which he mentioning it to Mr. George Vertue the Engraver, Mr. Vertue waited on Dr. Mead, & from his collection he sent me the draught of a Coin, which hath RICAR on it, being a Groat, and after that he visited the Earl of Oxford's rare collection of coins, and then found the

same both agreeing in likeness to each other. This draught he sent me as the face of Ric. III, but I take it to be Ric. II, and at the same time he sent me the Sketch of an old picture painted on board, belonging to the Crown, which picture Mr. Evelyn formerly had seen in the palace of Whitehall (I suppose) and describes it in his Discourse of Medals p. 339. This picture is most certainly of Ric. III, and agrees with Coins that are certainly Ric. III's which I have seen, and 'tis probable 'twas from that Picture that others have been taken.

Aug. 27 (Sun.). Yesterday I received from Lord Oxford by his
10 nephew Mr. Hay of Christ Church *Speculum Christiani*, printed at London in an odd Letter, and the great Letters &c. done after in red ink by an Illuminator.

[Then follow extracts from the book ending 'Iste libellus impressus est in opulentissima civitate Londoniarum per me Wilhelmum de Machlinia ad instanciam necnon expensas Henrici Vrankenbergh mercatoris'.]

Aug. 28 (Mon.). Lord Oxford lent me also at the same time *The myrroure of golde for the Synfull soule* 4^{to}.

[Then follow some extracts from the book, which was printed by Wynkyn de Worde, May 30, 1526.]

20 His Lordship likewise lent me at the same time another edition of the said myrroure, containing the same number of leaves and signatures. Memor. that each signature containeth six leaves or 12 pages. This book is printed on Vellum. *Enprynted at London in Fletstrete, at signe of saynt George by Richarde Pynson.*

Aug. 29 (Tu.). Lord Oxford lent me at the same time an octavo Book, printed on Vellum, & intituled on the outside of the curious Binding, *An old Primer*. There is no Title page, nor does the place where or the date when printed, nor the name of the printer, any where appear.

[Sent back the said four printed Books to Lord Oxford, car. paid, by
30 Godfrey's waggon Sept. 12, Tuesday, 1732.]

Aug. 30 (Wed.). But tho' there be no Title to Lord Oxford's book just now mentioned, either at the beginning or end, yet I have of my own an imperfect book in paper, done like a 4^{to} but is really an 8^{vo}, each signature containing 8 leaves, which was printed by Wynkyn de Worde, and is stiled, *The Matyns of our Lady*. At the end is *Thus endeth the matyns of our lady &c.* *London enprynted by me Wynkyn de Worde MCCCC and X yere of our Lorde*. This book is the same with my Lord's, only the order of things is different in it, my Lord's being an earlier and another Edition. I think, however, that my Lord's was likewise printed by Wyn-
40 kyn de Worde & that too not a great many years before, the motion of sainting Hen. VI beginning towards the latter end of Hen. VII's reign, viz. in 1504, about which time it may be my Lord's book was printed. I fix that date, because in the book, as well as in mine, is a Prayer to Hen. VI (used, without doubt, just at that time, when his Canonization

Aug. 27, 1732. H. to Capt. Orme at Peterborough (Rawl. 28. 30). Thanks for the £20, part of Mr. Walden's legacy.

was solicited) as there are two other little prayers (exstant also in mine) made by the said Hen. VI.

Hen. VIII was afterwards likewise zealous for the sainting of Hen. VI, so that 'tis no wonder that the same Prayers should also be printed in his reign and countenanced by him, notwithstanding it be well enough known that he was a Prince of very little or no religion.

Aug. 31 (Thur.). On Tuesday the 22nd inst. began the Oxford Horse Races in Port-Meadow, and ended last Tuesday night. Booths and vicious living were there for about seven weeks, to the no small scandal of virtuous people, as 'tis also abominable, that Poppet shews and Rope dancing 10 should have been this summer in Oxford for more than two months, even just till the Races began, to the debauching and corrupting of youth, and the impoverishing the Town &c.

Dr. Panting, Master of Pembroke College, hath printed in 4^{to}, at the Theater, his sermon, preached a little while ago at the Consecration of their College Chappel.

Mr. William Beckett (the Chirurgeon) of Abbingdon, calling upon me today, told me that he is at intervals compiling the History of Physick in England, which he said if he lived to finish & publish, it should be a 4^{to} Book. The said Mr. Beckett does not seem to go on with Francis Littill's 20 Register of the Hospital of Abbingdon. Quære, whether the said Francis was not the son of Thomas Littill, who lies buried in the Church of Bray in Berks., where there is an Epitaph to him, which is printed in the book called Ashmole's Antiquities of Berkshire.

Notes on the fly leaf at the end of the volume.

July 14, 1732, died Mr^s. Beazley whose husband is a taylour in St. Peter's in the East.

July 29, 1732, John Woodbridge of Heddington told me that he is 55 years of age, I think he said either in Oct. or Nov.

Mr. Green, a hatter of St. Clement's was born in 1666.

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Col. Ofeild died of a feaver on Midsummer Day, 1731.

Mr. John Hill, Rector of Charleton upon Otmore & some time since fellow of Queen's College is in the 57th year of his age this year 1732, and will be compleat 57 in March.

Oct. 24, 1732, a meeting of St. Peter's parish at 2 clock afternoon about a tax and their Law affair.

Nov. 12, 1732, died Mr. Soane a Lathe Maker of St. Peter's in the East; buried at Forrest hill, where born.

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pp. 1-14. On Monday, June 12, 1732, I received by Thomas Ward Esq., Mayor of Warwick, a thick printed 4^{to} book (being lent me by 40 him) which is a great Curiositie. It contains

[Then follows a list of the contents

1. A note about the number of the wounds of Christ.
2. Ovidii Nasonis Sulmonensis poete de nuncio sagaci.
3. Ovidii Nasonis Sulmonensis de arte amandi.

4. Liber secundus Ovidii de arte amandi.
5. Tercius & ultimus liber Ovidii de arte amandi.
6. Ovidii Nasonis Sulmonensis poete de remedio amoris liber primus.
7. Secundus & ultimus liber Ovidii de remedio amoris.
8. Dictamen ordinatum per fratrem Arnoldum Buerik magistrum noviciorum in monasterio de rubeo valle in Soma ordinis sancti Augustini.
9. Liber beati Augustini episcopi sive retractio de agone Christiano.
10. Liber eiusdem de Sermone domini in monte habito.
- 10 11. a. Libellus de raptu Tundali et ejus visione, tractans de penis inferni et gaudiis Paradisi.
11. b. Liber Seneca de remediis fortuitorum.
12. Annei Lucii Seneca de quatuor virtutibus liber.
13. Lucii Annei Seneca de moribus liber.
14. Tres oraciones habite in senatu Atheniensi de recipiendo Alexandro Magno vel armis repellendo, 340.
15. Epistola Bernardi Silvestris super gubernacione rei familiaris, 346.
16. Libellus magistri Petri Blesensis de amicitia Christiana.
- 20 17. Tractatus de instructione seu directione simplicium confessorum editus a domino Anthonia archiepiscopo Florentino, 693.
18. Sermo beati Johannis Crisostimi de penitentia, 670.
19. Martiris Albani venerabilis ecce legenda.
Utilis erranti, quia fertilis est relegenda.
Historia eiusdem metrica
Item Historia eiusdem prosaice.
20. Ordo sive regula vivendi deo, doctoris eximii Iheronimi ad Eustochium.]

At the end is written in an old hand

- 30 When ye loke this boke ouer
Pray for the sowle of Sir John Fytheouer
Off your charite and for your mede
Say a pater and ave with the crede.

All these pieces were printed at one and the same place, tho' it does not appear where. There are no signatures throughout. Without doubt they were printed beyond sea. The book is of a very ancient binding in board with leather over. [I begin now to think that they were printed at Oxford. And yet the first book printed there hath signatures.]

40 At the same time Mr. Ward lent me the little book about Q. Eliz's entertainment at Killingworth Castle in Warwickshire anno 1575, par R. L. Gent. Mercer, but this I formerly read over in Bodley &c. 'Tis very scarce; I have heard 50 s. hath been asked for it.

NB. Returned them, car. paid, by George Watts, the Warwick Carrier on Mon. Aug. 13, 1732. [But they were afterwards sent to me again by Mr. Ward, he parting with them to me for other books.]

Sept. 1 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury for Aug. 28 :—

Letters from Rome mention the death of Sir William Ellis, an old servant of the Chevalier de St. George. He was descended of a good family in England,

Sept. 1, 1732. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 176). Sends Bp. Godwyn's

and had by very creditable employments, which he exercised before the Revolution, acquired a very considerable Estate in Ireland, which he afterwards thought fit to abandon, and follow the Fortune of the late King James. He was employed and trusted by that Prince while he lived, and more since by the Chevalier, who with an entire Confidence placed in his hands the whole Management of his Domestick Affairs, and the old Gentleman always acquitted himself of it to his Master's satisfaction. He was much respected for his Integrity, by all that had any dealings with him, and was, as far as his circumstances would allow it, very compassionate and charitable to the Poor. He lived to upwards of 90 years of Age, and as he had always formerly adhered to the Protestant Religion, as professed by the Church of England, so he dyed in it, and was attended to the last by a Clergyman of the same Communion and interred at Rome according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the English Church. 10

Sept. 2 (Sat.). On Friday the 25th one Mr. Francis Cross, of Stanlake near Witney, was thrown from his horse in Port-Mead near Oxford at the Horse Race, and his Bones so fractured that he died the next morning at 3 Clock, and was buried that same day in the evening at Stanlake. He was 34 years of age, an handsome man, a weaver by Trade, a good workman, & bore a very fair Character. He had been 20 married, but his wife is dead, as is also his only child by her.

Sept. 3 (Sun.). On Thursday last died early that morning or else some time in the night, the widow Eliot in her room in the Hospital of St. Clement's near Oxford, her daughter, a maiden body, of about 45 years of age, who is crazed, being in bed with her, and not at the same time knowing that her mother was dead. This widow Eliot, who had been abroad the day before, tho' an Almes Woman, died wealthy. Her husband, a Scottish man, was a printer formerly in Oxford, and hath been dead many years, but where it was he died, I know not. She (his widow) was buried in the Church of St. Peter's in the East Oxford, in which 30 parish they formerly lived, on Friday night last in a decent manner.

Sept. 5 (Tu.). It is a very hard matter, to meet with any of Sir James Ware's pieces in Ireland. His grandson lives at St. Stephen's Green in Dublin. He thought once of publishing all Sir James's works

Catalogue of Bishops 'which in my opinion is a very valuable book, and will be more so, if in your pretty hand you shall think fit to add your observations. I write such a filthy hand that I think I should spoile the book, if I inserted any of mine own'.

Sept. 2, 1732. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. II. 77). Sends the books H. had desired in his last; desires some of H.'s books in return. . . . Returns H. 'the other two; please, only to send what you shall think an equivalent for them. If you think any other books in the last list were too dear, you shall have them at your own price'. Had dined at Baginton with Francis Bromley who 'designs for Oxford soon'. Hopes himself to take a trip to Oxford but must visit Swacliiff first.

Sept. 4, 1732. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 163). 'I am much at a loss to know the reason of this discontinuance of correspondence on your side. Having examined my own conduct, I cannot discover the nature of the offence given or taken, and nobody is more willing to stand corrected than myself, when properly convinced'. About Mr. Granger [see Diary Sept. 10; also Sept. 11, 12, 13].

in one volume in folio. One Harris, that married the daughter of the said Grandson, is about an edition of them in English, and proposes to bring down the History of Ireland to these times. This Mr. Ware is a very curious man and hath collected several rare books, coins &c., and perhaps he may have MSS. His study, I am told, is worth about 3,000 librs., tho' none of it is part of his grandfather's library.

Dr. Worth of Dublin is a Physician of great Merit and Generosity, and has carryed the Practice at Dublin before him for these 20 years. He was of Merton College. His father was Provost of Dublin College.

10 **Sept. 6 (Wed.).** From the Northampton Mercury for Mon., Sept. 4:—

We hear from Oxford that on Fri., Aug. 18, was celebrated there with great Solemnity the Anniversary of the High Borlace, there being a very splendid and numerous appearance on that occasion. And the next day the University was pleased, in full Convocation, to confer the Degree of Dr. of Laws on the Right Hon. the Earl of Chesterfield, the Earl of Litchfield, the Lord Gower, Sir Thomas Seabright Bart., and Watkin Williams Wynn Esq.

Sept. 7 (Thur.). Dr. Percival, an Irish Dean, is brother by the same mother to Richard Aldworth Esq., who duelled Buckingham. He is
20 a fine Gent. and lively and very good company, being always a great newsmonger, which made him when of Oxford so intimate with Charlett, for which reason he is brought into the famous Sapphick Verses by Mr. Alsop upon Charlett.

Sales's Introduction to a devout Life, as reformed by Mr. Dodwell

Sept. 6, 1732. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 118) [see Diary Sept. 25, 27, 28].

Sept. 6, 1732. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 14). 'Mr. Calvert was my intimate friend and Acquaintance, and we used to spend much time together (hardly a day failed) when he was in Oxford. . . I dissuaded him from going as much as ever I could, having a great fear upon me, that I should never see him more when I parted with him at the Angel Gate at Oxford. . . He was sensible from what I have heard him say more than once, that he should live but a short life. I much lament his loss, and even longed to have a sight of him again. He died in my debt a guinea for a copy of Thomas Elmham in large Paper, which was sent to Charles Lowe Esq. near Westminster Abbey on Feb. 20, 1727, Tuesday, but now I suppose this little sum of money is lost, Mr. Lowe being (as you know) dead also. I expostulated several times with Mr. Parker concerning his castrating and altering his Father's book. He said nothing material was either altered or omitted, and yet he had formerly told me there were some things in it that he was afraid to publish. I replied he should either print all or none, and even do it letter for letter. He said he was not of my mind. He was of a timorous spirit, and cringed to such as were glad of the opportunity to say that he fawned, and indeed he was never a whit the better thought of by any that I know of, flattery being a poor method of gaining respect and esteem. . . I thank you for what you write relating to my old Friend and Acquaintance Bishop Atterbury, who did wisely to caution the Nonjurors against a Breach among themselves. Such a Breach their enemies are very glad of and rejoice at, and indiscretion is the cause of it. You are a Master of Italian, which is what I cannot pretend to, and find it difficult to explain any thing in that Language, yet I shall endeavour to pick out something in the book you so kindly give me.'

& adorned with a Preface by him, is grown so very scarce, as not to be met with even in Ireland, where it was printed. 'Tis possible the Catholics may have bought all the Copies up and destroyed them as mischievous to the Catholick Scheme.

Sept. 8 (Fri.). I hear that Bishop Milles of Waterford in Ireland has taken care, to have six churches rebuilt within his Diocese. There are but few Churches standing in Ireland. There are unions of many parishes, which meet at one Church. Most of the Churches in Ireland have such towers as that of Binsey near Oxford, either for one or two Bells. There is not a ring of bells in Cork.

Dr. Morgan, Minister of Ross in Herefordshire, was Student of Christ Church. 'Tis said, that Dr. Robert Friend should say of this Gentleman, that tho' little known, he was one of the greatest scholars in the Kingdom. Dr. Morgan has ever been a severe student, & lives a recluse kind of life. In all probability he hath some of Bishop Humphreys's Papers, for (as I understand) the Bishop married his sister. So it hath been hinted to my friend by Mr. Humphrey Griffiths, a clergyman of Presteign, who was born in Bangor, his father being Register there to Bishop Humphreys.

Sept. 9 (Sat.). Mr. Loveday was 19 hours and $\frac{1}{2}$ in sayling back from Ireland to Holyhead in his late voyage.

Mr. Rowland, who wrote of the Isle of Anglesey, had never any learned education, and I am told was never out of the Isle. Bishop Humphreys hearing of him, sent for him, and ordained him. He hath a son belonging to the Auditor's office in Dublin.

Mr. King is Underkeeper of Archbishop Marsh's Library at Dublin. He hath settled it in the most excellent order imaginable. The largest number of books were Bishop Stillingfleet's and cost Marsh, as 'tis said, 3,000 lbs.; then there are Tanaqual Faber's books with some MSS. notes of that critic on them, among these the most curious editions of the Classicks, but I know not whether there be any ancient ones; then Archbishop Marsh's own private collection, among which perhaps (for I have not heard) may be some MSS., I mean such as are not oriental; for oriental ones he gave to Oxford. This Library is in the cemetery of St. Patrick's, not nigh the College. The College is now in Dublin, this city growing like London every day.

Sept. 10 (Sun.). Mr. Granger hath much deceived the world (which he so lately left) as to his Circumstances, which were ever thought flourishing, as might be rationally expected considering the advantages of his post in the East India Company, and that he was single, and had not the Incumbrances of a family. Yet for all this, 'tis thought his fine collection of English Coins, about 3,000 books, furniture &c. will hardly discharge near 8,000 li. which he is reckoned to be indebted, 5,000 li. of which to orphans committed to his care by a too credulous friend. What were his expenses, where lay his vanity, is most difficult to determine. I judged he might have been dipt in the South Sea, where so many were

shipwrecked and drowned lately, whilst others were enriched, such I mean as sold out in good time, at the same time that others, who out of a principle of covetousness, expected upwards of a 1,000 librs. interest for 100 librs., were miserably (a just reward of their covetousness) ruined and undone. But Mr. Granger was a generous, free, open-hearted man, had not the least spark, that ever I could yet hear, of covetousness, but, as I always took it, was a contemner of money, and by his extraordinary cheerfulness, even in the height of pain of the Gout, appeared to be a man of good conscience, so that as I can hardly think that he was in the
 10 South Sea, so 'tis unaccountable to me, what should be the occasion of his dying so much in debt, tho' it may be his Curiosities which cost him (as without doubt some did) very extraordinary prices, & perhaps in treats in procuring them, as well as in entertaining his friends at other times (for he lived high) might be the true cause. He might have been liberal, & yet cautious and wise.

Sept. 11 (Mon.). Some able persons, commissioned by the House of Commons, have lately made a survey of the Cotton Library, to whom they returned a particular report of the damages and havock made by the fire through Bentley's fatal neglect, and yet after all 'tis much questioned
 20 whether even this account be to be entirely credited, the Loss being, I fear, much greater than represented. However, be it what it will, I hear this State, with that of all the rest of the records in the Kingdom is lately published by order of Parliament in a large volume and sells for five shillings. And it may be here noted, that the Committee, as far as they were able, tell the publick, where copies are to be met with of some of the Cotton MSS.

Sept. 12 (Tu.). I formerly mentioned a volume of State Characters, among the MSS. of my late friend Thomas Rawlinson Esq., supposed to have been wrote by Lord Somers, but 'tis now discovered to be by
 30 another hand, and tho' only two copies were supposed then to be in being, viz. that in Lord Somers's Library, and this of Mr. Rawlinson's, yet a third appears now, and I hear is far gone in the Press by the son of the pretended author, one Macky. It seems the book was drawn up for the use of the illustrious House of Hanover, before they came after the death of Queen Anne into England. They hasten it at the Press, and are, as I am told, in a hurry to get it out before the Parliament sits, being apprehensive of a censure of some rubbs, tho', after all, by what I can learn, there will be castrations and alterations, because of divers passages in it, that will not bear the light, which if so, it may make the Rawlinson MS.
 40 the more valuable.

Sept. 13 (Wed.). One Mr. Palmer a Printer, who died lately, undertook to write the history of Printing, and he printed it in parts, the last

Sept. 11, 1732. H. to Thomas Ward (Rawl. 28. 131). In lieu of the three books which come to a guinea H. sends *Acta Apostolorum* & *Titus Livius Foro-Julienensis*, of which the former has sold for 40s. and the latter for 21s. For the two old books which W. has sent back, H. sends *Aluredus Beverlacensis* & proposes to send a copy of *Otterbourne*.

Sept. 12, 1732. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 8. 211) [*see* Diary Sept. 14].

part of which is just published, and 'tis given out that 'tis the last that he prepared for the Press. I never yet saw any one of the parts, nor indeed have I had any appetite, being well apprized of the abilities of the undertaker Palmer, who altho' he might understand (as being his trade) the mechanical part, yet I am fully satisfied, that he was unqualified with respect to Learning and skill in antiquity. Indeed I am told 'tis rather a translation from, and collection out of, Italian authors, than an original composition. If Palmer made use of any of Mr. Bagford's papers, 'tis probable there may be some new curious observations; but I fancy caution was used, that an ill use should not be made of them by Tools, 10 such as Palmer and other mercenary fellows, and I am well assured, that my late friend Thomas Rawlinson Esq.'s collection on this subject, was not laid open to him, tho' attempts were made to obtain an access.

Sept. 14 (Thur.). I have sent Lord Oxford an account of the distinction between Ric. II's coins and those of Ric. III, those of Ric. III being with a withered face. My Lord hath looked again, & tells me he hath no one that answers my account.

Enquire about Mr. Forbes's undertaking, who, as Lord Oxford tells me, has made great progress in his Collections.

Lord Oxford hath a Ballade upon Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex. It 20 is printed at London, 1540. It must be a curiosity. Quære, what facts it mentions. Truth was then commonly couched in Ballads, agreeable to the inoffensive rhimes of former ages.

Last week the Bishop of Winchester sent half a Buck to Magd. Coll. Oxford (the President himself being absent) for the Fellows, & about the same time Queen Carolina sent them a whole Buck (it being had from Whitchwood Forest) and they eat it on Monday last Sept. 11, going to dinner at one Clock.

Sept. 15 (Fri.). Archbishop Sancroft wrote a little thing in bad times, entituled *Modern Policies*, which took much, & had several editions 30 1657 &c., and in times not much better, to him, he published Bishop Overal's Convocation Book.

Mr. Baker hath, at my desire, turned Dr. Barlow's MS. concerning our English Historians, but he does not descend to MSS. Historians, & so can have nothing concerning Otterbourne or Whethamstede, that I am now printing. Otterbourne, I find quoted in *Antiquitates Britan.*, in the lives of Archbishops Sudbury, Courtney & Arundel.

Dr. Butler, President of Magdalen College, would fain seem a Tory, & yet if there be any such thing as a Whig, he must needs be one, otherwise he could not be President of that College, the Statutes whereof 40 expressly require him to be in orders, whereas he is a Layman & the Bishop of Winchester connives at it, merely because he knows him to be a Whig. And should he be otherwise, the Bishop would presently force him into Orders or vacate the Presidentship.

Sept. 16 (Sat.). Mr. Taylor, who succeeds Mr. Hadderton (as Librarian at Cambridge) in Industry, and exceeds him in Judgment, hath lately showed Mr. Baker an Account of the various Translations and Editions of the Bible by Mr. Bagford, all in his own hand, given by him

to the Bishop [Dr. Moore] of Ely ; Together with, *The History of Typography, Its Originall & progresse, from Authentick Records, Manuscripts, & printed Bookes, collected with greate care by Jo. Bagford ; to which is added the Lives of the most eminent Printers both farion and domestick, as Faust, Skeffer, Gutingburg, Coustr, Caxton, Winken de Word, Pinson, Graffton, Day &c.*

Sept. 17 (Sun.). Dr. Robert Wittie was of Cambridge University of King's College (not of the foundation) where he took his Degree of Bac. of Arts 1632, Mr. of Arts Coll: Regal: 1636, Practicans in Medicina 1641, 10 Med. Doc. an. 1647. Mr. Baker tells me nothing (tho' I have enquired) of his Principles, tho' I think he was puritanical, at least he passed high compliments upon such as were in the number of the chief of the King's Enemies.

On Friday last died of a Dropsy, after a long time's confinement, Mr. Featly of Oxford, Head Butler of Brasnose College. He had the palsy in the head for many years to a strange degree. He has left a widow, but no child. He was once a Gownsmen, a Servitore of the College. He was hardly 50 years old. He was an understanding, modest man & honest.

20 Yesterday died in Oxford the widow Gregory, mother of the late Mr. Henry Gregory, student of Christ Church. Her husband, Dr. Gregory of Hambledon in Bucks., died a great many years since.

Sept. 18 (Mon.). At Cambridge Commencement about 30 years ago was made a Copy of Verses, and 'twas printed. 'Twas published in a physician's name, tho' composed by Dr. Dibbins. 'Twas in *morbo icterico* ; the last verse is : *Sic vir sanatur virgine, virgo viro*. Little things are easily lost. I can learn nothing about it from Mr. Baker, who however hath made enquiry among his friends.

30 The Report of the Committee for the Cottonian Library is printed, with a catalogue of the books burnt and damaged, done by Mr. Casley. It appears from it that *Otterbourne* is burnt in part, and *gesta paucula abbatis Joannis VI, i. e. Joannis Whethamsted abbatis monasterii sancti Albani* entirely burnt. See the Report pag. 60 & 137. This will render my Ed. of *Otterbourne*, now printing, the more valuable, and a copy may be taken from it, which I mention, because to make the Library compleat again, they are for getting what copies they can.

Sept. 19 (Tu.). Mr. Featly was buried on Sunday night, and Dr. Shippen, the Principal of Brasnose Coll. hath made one — Trollop (whose brother, a great Whig, & related to the Wrights of Oxford, hath 40 been lately Deputy Sheriff, & perhaps is so still, of Oxfordshire,) Head Butler of that college in the room of Featly.

Sept.¹ 19, 1732. H. to ——— (Rawl. 28. 131). 'When Mr. Pryse was here the latter end of August last, I told him that I had just then received 20 libs. more of what was due to me on account of Mr. Walden's, so that in the whole I had received 140 libs. He said I was much beholden to you (as well as to Mr. Bowdler), what I knew full well, at the same time adding (what

Yesterday Mr. Appleby (Tallow Chandler of St. Peter's in the East) was chosen Mayor of Oxford for this year 1732, being the second time of his being mayor, and one Herne and one Gabriel (both taylors, living near Christ Church) were chosen Bayliffs.

Yesterday in the afternoon Mr. Loveday returned from his Journey into Ireland and Scotland.

Sept. 20 (Wed.). Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe was born in 1696. He is a Non-juror, and is son of the late famous Non-juror Mr. Thomas Wagstaffe, commonly, from his practising Physick called Dr. Wagstaffe, who was so very deaf some years before he died, that he used a speaking 10 Trumpet.

[An inscription on a brass in Diddington Church, Huntingdonshire, of Willelmus Taylard who died 1505 and Elizabeth his wife, communicated by Mr. Jones, curate of Abbott's Ripton.]

Sept. 21 (Thur.). Bishop Tanner being returned from Wales, told me yesterday, he had been robbed of many medals in his absence, both gold and silver, some of which he had recovered, and 14 or 16 of them had been melted down. They were stole by a woman Bedmaker, who some way or other had got his key of the box of drawers, in which they were kept. 20

He looked over the late Mr. Davies of Llannerch's Library and found in it the old MS. Register of the Church of Landaff, out of which some imperfect collections have been published in the *Monasticon Anglicanum*, *Anglia Sacra* &c.

Dr. William Lloyd, when Bishop of Landaff, used often to visit Mr. Davies, who was a curious learned man. So did also Mr. Dodwell, who saw there the said Book of Landaff with great satisfaction.

Bishop Tanner met there with Mr. Stowe's MS. transcript of Leland's Itinerary, the same I made use of when I published the said Itinerary. He also met with other MS. Papers of Stowe. These I also formerly 30 perused, but they are nothing but what Mr. Stowe made use of himself in his *Annals & Survey*; as I remember, there are many things relating to the Religious Houses.

Sept. 22 (Fri.). The Papers that are printed, containing the Articles against Dr. Bentley, are not sold in the shops, but are only in the hands of Peers or some few others, and so may be judged to be as scarce almost as if they were written papers.

Lord Oxford hath given me a transcript of what Mr. Humphr. Wanley has said in the Catalogue of my Lord's MSS. of the Leiger Book of Dunstaple, and because there are some mistakes in the Transcriber, my Lord 40 hath sent me the Leiger Book it self, that I may see with my own Eyes.

I was very glad to hear) that you had very good business in your profession and could upon occasion do me service, if I should at any time want subscriptions.' Some of H.'s subscribers are dead. It would be a particular service to have the vacancies filled up.

Sept. 21, 1732. H. to Sir Thomas Grosvenor at Eaton Hall (Rawl. 28. 32). Regrets the death of Sir Richard Grosvenor. Asks if Sir Thomas will subscribe for Otterbourne.

My Lord at the same time sent me Mr. Mattaire's Edition of the Oxford Marbles. His Lordship gives it me. Mr. Mattaire hath not taken in the Stones that came since Prideaux's time, such as those given by Sir George Wheeler, Dr. Lister &c. Selden's is the best Edition for what he did, Prideaux's the next, and this the worst, which I am sorry for, since Mr. Mattaire might have compared the stones & corrected Prideaux, & not have multiplied Prideaux's faults. He mentions indeed three corrected copies he had, one of which was Dr. Thomas Smith's (which should have been mine, but did not come to me, but fell into a bookseller's hands, and
 10 so into Lord Oxford's), but those notes of Dr. Smith's are but few, & I think mostly from conjecture. He had another copy from Lord Oxford, he does not tell with whose corrections (I think Dr. Mill's), and a third from Dr. Stratford, with Dr. Mill's corrections. But he does not mention any of these corrections as Dr. Mill's. Nor indeed would it have been for Mill's credit, Mill having strangely blundered, as not versed in affairs of this nature.

Sept. 23 (Sat.). Mr. Rawlins hath a MS. list of the abbats of Glastonbury, with Mr. Brown Willis's notes and observations upon it by way of correction to Dr. Tanner's list, in a letter from Mr. Willis to
 20 Dr. Charlett, dated Jan. 29, 1714. It appears that I was to have a sight of it, & so as I remember I had, and every thing material in it is printed by me in sixth vol. of Leland's Collectanea.

Sept. 24 (Sun.). Mr. Sanford of Balliol College shewed me yesterday, bringing it to my room, an anonymous paper MS. belonging to their College Library, being the life of Sir Thomas More in 4^{to}. I never read it, but I formerly saw it more than once in their Library. It hath always stood among the printed books given by Sir Thomas Wendy, and indeed it was given by him, tho' no notice be taken of it hitherto either in their registers or catalogues. Mr. Sanford now designs to put that, and what
 30 other MSS. he meets with among the printed books, among the MSS. I take it to be the same, or much the same, with Nicholas Harpsfeild's life of Sir Thomas More, of which I have made mention at the end of the *Black Book of the Exchequer*, and at the end of *Vita Ricardi II.*

Mr. Sanford is only collecting materials for the life of the Founder of their College, John Balliol. He makes sad complaints of the gross blunders in Savage's *Balliofergus*. He wants to know when John Balliol the Founder died.

Sept. 25 (Mon.). Mr. Rawlins hath a MS. being an Essay towards the Reformation of the Singing Psalms, in 5 sheets folio. The latter part
 40 thereof is somewhat imperfect. It is corrected by some judicious Pen, and Mr. Rawlins saith it seems to be a curious Thing. I believe it hath been printed. For I think (I cannot be positive) I have many years agoe seen such a printed Tract in 8^{vo}. But as to a Reformation of the old metrical Version, 'tis far better to retain it, unless it be done far better than Brady's. Besides, if there be such a new Version, it ought not to be brought into Churches, as Sternhold's and Hopkins's, without a particular account of the alterations.

Sept. 26 (Tu.). Yesterday morning just called upon me Dr. Knight (who is busy about Robert Grosthead) with a grandson of the late Bishop Patrick's, who is in appearance a fine young Gentleman. But they made no stay. The Dr. hath been in Wales lately with Bishop Tanner, and came now to Oxford purely on his account, Tanner being a man that furnisheth him with many materials.

Mr. George Wigan having resigned the Principality of New Inn Hall, a month and more since one Bloshiere Tovey, Dr. of Law, was admitted Principal thereof by Dr. Shippen, Provicechancellour. This Dr. Tovey hath a good Personage in the north of England, but having no mind to reside at it, he hath got this Principality to excuse himself from residence. He was originally of Queen's College, from whence he was elected Fellow of Merton College.

On the 23rd inst. I was told that the Account of King Charles II's escape after Worcester fight is most certainly now printing at Cambridge, from the MS. in Magdalen College Library there.

Sept. 27 (Wed.). Mr. Rawlins hath got Mr. Lewis Maidwell's proposals revived, of establishing and supporting a publick school, designed amongst other things for the Sea Service of the nation. I find he had his petition delivered into the House of Commons Feb. 3, 1699, in order to have obtained an Act of Parliament, for the settling his project, but, upon mature deliberation, it was thrown out of the House, chiefly by Dr. Wallis's means, who wrote against it, whose MS. Mr. Rawlins now hath by him, as I find by his Letter from Pophills of the 6th of this month, and he hath been informed it was never made publick. It is in all about 6 sheets in folio. He fancies it may deserve a place in my next Work. The project then on foot was, for an Academy of Exercises in the University, such as Riding the Great Horse, Fencing &c. I well remember the thing to have been much talked of in the University; I think it was wisely stopped, because, without doubt, 'twould have utterly obstructed all true Learning.

Sept. 28 (Thur.). Mr. Rawlins hath lately perused Dr. Charlett's Papers, and found amongst them a great many curious Things, viz. the wonderfull cures wrought by the Bloud of the blessed Martyr K. Charles I; about his Baptism, and about his Eicon Basilice; Obadiah Walker's letter to Dr. Tim. Halton, about Mr. Stone's Hospital, about good Dr. Humphrey's picture, Dr. Hyde, Plott, and Dale's Letters about it; two of the famous Sir William Cecil's, afterwards Lord Burghlie's Letters. He hath found several Papers more, besides what he had met with before, relating to Dr. Pocock. He expects to hear from Mr. Edward Pocock, the Doctor's son, who by a Letter to Dr. Charlett, dated from Minall alias Mildenhall in Wilts., Dec. 11, 1712, signified, that Mr. Smith of Darmouth's papers were, by order of his will, returned to him by his widow. He said, the difficult and most unknown part of his Life was finished to K. Charles II's Restoration, and a foul draught

Sept. 28, 1732. William Seaton of the Inner Temple, to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 199). Tho' a stranger, he asks H.'s advice which are the best histories to study 'to illustrate the dark intricacies of the Law'.

of most part of the rest. Mr. Rawlins hath a short narrative of Dr. Pocock's Life in MS. by an intimate acquaintance of the Doctor's and that was Mr. John Hinckley of Norfeild in the county of Worcester.

Sept. 29 (Fri.). The famous Dr. John Lock had a very great respect and veneration for Dr. Pococke, notwithstanding he was of quite different Principles, so that he published some memoirs of his Life and Character.

Mr. Rawlins hath an original Paper of Bishop Barlow's, why the Britains were called Picts. There were, Mr. Rawlins saith, three MSS. 10 of Vigolius about it.

Browne Willis Esq. his son of Christ Church appeared for a demyship of Magd. College last election, but had not success; since which Dr. Bradshaw, Dean of Christ Church and Bishop of Bristol, hath made him Student of Christ Church. Upon which one said to me, when he heard of it and knew what Browne Willis formerly pretended to be, viz. to be a high Tory, and what lowe Principles the Dean is of, *Miracles are not ceased.*

Sept. 30 (Sat.). St. Peter's church in the Bailly, having been built and finished all but the Inside in room of the old one that fell down, stood 20 still for some time, but now 'tis going to be finished by Townsend the mason, a very proud fellow, who hath pulled down part of the former and new done it this year 1732, but far worse than 'twas before, he being angry, that he had not been employed before instead of one Chipps (who is dead) and Oliver Widderington, which Oliver is still living. Among other alterations, all for the worse in the opinion of all unbyassed men and good judges, he hath stopt up two brave large windows at the East end of the Chancell.

Oct. 1 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Appleby, tallow chandler, was admitted mayor of Oxford for the year 1732, as were the day before the two new 30 bayliffs, Herne and Gabriel. And last night Mr. Holdship (a farrier of Turl Gate) and Mr. Hollaway (a taylor, who now keeps the George Inn by Thames Street) were chosen Chamberlains for the City.

This day I wrote to Mr. Anstis to know whether he can tell whether Bishop Fox left a will, or whether they have any copy of it at Corp. College. Mr. Anstis formerly looked over the MSS. of that College and hath interest enough to get a direct answer to this Question, provided he conceal my name, which perhaps to mention might make them jealous, as if I designed to make a publick use of it, whereas 'tis only to satisfy Mr. Baker of Cambridge, who was desired by a Friend to enquire. Search has 40 been made at the Prerogative Office, but they cannot yet meet with it.

Oct. 2 (Mon.). 'An Historical Account of the Blue Blanket: or, *Crafts-men's Banner*, containing the Fundamental Principles of the Good Town, with the Powers and Prerogatives of the Crafts of *Edinburgh*' &c.

Oct. 2, 1732. W. Varey of Christ Church to H. (Rawl. 11. 1). Writing from Preston in Sussex. Sends an account of Aldrington and Blechington in Sussex [see Diary, Oct. 9]. 'You have often desired me to give you an account of such pieces of antiquity as I might meet with.'

By *Alexander Pennecuik*, burgess and guild-brother of *Edinburgh*.
Edinburgh 1722, 8^{vo}.

[Extracts from this work.]

The exclaiming of the Author against Founders before the Reformation, as 'tis uncharitable, so it was also very unbecoming him, and indeed brings a slur upon his whole book, which is otherwise a good one.

Oct. 5 (Thur.). I hear Dr. David Wilkins is very busy about an Edition, in 3 vols. folio, of our British Councils, a work he was about many years ago, even in Queen Anne's time, but was not countenanced. Sir Henry Spelman's two volumes with large MSS. corrections and additions ¹⁰ by Mr. Wharton, are now in the Library at Lambeth, and 'tis probable that some other things, that some of our learned men have left in MSS. will be the chief, that will be done by Wilkins, who is a vain ambitious man, of little judgment, tho' of great industry. Some years agoe Bishop Atterbury proposed the publishing of Spelman's two volumes to me, offering great assistance, but it was after my retirement upon account of the Oaths, and so I thought fit to decline and wave it, leaving the task rather to Clergymen, and I think it would have been more for the Honour of the Church of England, that one or more of our own nation should have done it than a forreigner, such a one as Wilkins; but since our own Clergy will ²⁰ not do it, it is proper enough that Forreigners should do it, rather than not have it done at all.

Oct. 6 (Fri.). Anno 1727 was printed in 4^{to} at Dublin, A natural History of Ireland in three Parts. The first part (which indeed is the best) is only a new edition of Dr. Gerard Boate's Natural History of Ireland. The second is a collection of such papers as were communicated to the Royal Society, referring to some Curiosities in Ireland. These had been printed in the Philosophical Transactions. The third is a Discourse concerning the Parish Mounts, Forts and Towers in Ireland, never before published, By Thomas Molyneux M.D., F.R.S. in England. ³⁰

Oct. 7 (Sat.). Yesterday in a Convocation at two Clock, Dr. Butler resigned the Office of Vice-Chancellour, which he hath held for four years, and Dr. Holmes, President of St. John's College, was admitted Vice-Chancellour, Provicechancellours are the said Dr. Butler (President of Magd. College), Dr. Shippen (Principal of Brasnose), Dr. Mather (President of Corpus) and Dr. Niblett (Warden of All Souls).

Oct. 8 (Sun.). [A note from Rowland's *Mona Antiqua Restaurata* p. 129 on the word Ammobrogium].

Oct. 9 (Mon.). Tho' Portus Adurni be mentioned in the Notitia Imperii, yet I begin to doubt, whether Aldrington in Sussex be the place ⁴⁰ that is really to be understood by it, especially since both Ortelius and

Oct. 2, 1732. H. to William Seaton (Rawl. 39. 154). Thanks for the letter of Sept. 28. The best book to read is Leland. Other old authors will give no less pleasure, but the authors themselves must be read, not modern compendiums, which make a reader superficial rather than knowing.

Pancivollus found Madurni for Adurni in the MSS. that they made use of, a difference however not taken notice of by Labbee. Inquiry should be made whether any Roman Antiquities such as urns and coins have been found at Aldrington. At present Aldrington seems to be purely a Saxon name, given to the place as a mother town to, and consequently older than, some other neighbouring town; but what this other town should be, I cannot guess, unless it were Blechington, where is a Chappel of great antiquity, but not unfit for service. I take this Chappel to have been originally a dwelling house, but afterwards converted to a sacred use, 10 as was usual in the old Brittish and Saxon times. After it was consecrated and turned to a holy use, it was rebuilt, and 'tis pity 'tis at present unfit for service.

Oct. 10 (Tu.). Mr. Henry Rowlands in his *Mona antiqua restaurata* hath discovered good skill in the old British Tongue, and his chief Discoveries are made by the help of that Skill. It seems he had no literary or academical Education, and so the performance may be looked upon as extraordinary. I have perused it, but find, that 'tis for the most part hypothetical and I cannot well tell what 'tis he drives at. He will have the Welsh or Brittish Language to be the oldest language in the World, 20 unless the Hebrew may be excepted. He is extravagant in the commendation of Pezron's book about the Celtick tongues, as he is likewise in his praises of Mr. Edw. Lhuyd. He hath given an account of a Hebrew Coin found in the Isle of Anglesey, with Dr. Crosthwait's opinion of it. The Dr. had judged it to be modern. Mr. Rowlands confutes that opinion, and makes it very ancient. 'Tis of brass, and I am of the Doctor's mind. I have some years ago seen such another. Mr. Rowlands sent his to Oxford, but 'twas lost in the Conveyance. He speaks much of the Learning of the Druids and Bards. I think he read over Theophilus Gale's Court of the Gentiles, where, as I remember, 30 is a great deal on that subject. He makes all such buildings as Stonehenge to be done by the Druids, favouring so far Mr. Aubrey's opinion who made them to be Druidish Temples. Mr. Rowlands makes many of them to be rather a kind of Altars. He takes no notice of the common account of Stonehenge, that 'twas a monument to the Britains slain treacherously by the Saxons. This he should have done, especially since we have History, whereas all he says is only supposition. One would think to have met with in his Book an account of all the real Antiquities of every particular Town and place in the Island, with a description of the Curiosities to be met with in it, I mean of such as carried any token 40 of Antiquity. This is not done, nor does he give the old History of any one place, only contents himself with a general History of the Isle, which is likewise in good measure hypothetical.

Oct. 11 (Wed.). Mr. Rudiman of Edinburghe's Latin Grammar is much admired and made use of in Scotland, tho' little known in England. The Author is a good Grammarian and a good antiquary. He is a little brisk man.

Mr. Bagford's History of Typography, I mean the MS. thereof at Cambridge, is an imperfect work, and I believe in what I have of his scattered papers there is the most of what he hath observed in that work. Yet if there be any particular I want to be resolved in, Mr. Baker is ready to serve me. I mentioned to him yesterday the nature of the Types made use of by Caxton, and signified that I would know, whether Mr. Bagford hath taken notice of the types made use of at St. Alban's. I have a piece of Juliana Barnes printed there, the types whereof are exactly the same in figure and proportion with those made use of by Caxton in his Chronicle.

Oct. 12 (Thur.). A very considerable part of the north side of the Escorial was fired by lightning in the night, between the 5th and 6th of last month, new stile, which was the 24th of Sept., old stile.

Edward Burton Esq. is made Receiver General of his Majesty's Revenues in Wales; from the *Northampton Mercury* for Mon. Oct. 9, 1732.

I have taken notice above, that the best part of the Natural History of Ireland, printed in 4^{to} in three parts, is that of Dr. Boate's, which however is only a new edition thereof, it having been printed long before, viz. at London in 1652 in 8^{vo}, and dedicated by the publisher Sam. Hartlib to Oliver Cromwell and Charles Fleetwood, with a Letter of good Remark about the Author by the Author's brother Arnold Boate, but both the Dedication and the said Letter are left out in this new edition, & no notice taken of either. As for what Dr. Thomas Molyneux hath done about Antiquities in it, he shews himself to be but a superficial Antiquary, there being nothing of Learning therein, but some few scraps culled from Olaus Wormius, with a design to prove the Antiquities, he speaks of, to be Danish. In which, I think, the Irish are nothing at all beholden to him, especially since he notes that divers Roman Coins are found in Ireland, two fine Gold ones of which, viz. of Valentinian I and of Theodosius he hath published, at the same time too insinuating that several of the urns are Roman that are found in Ireland, both which viz. the urns & the coins are to me a probable argument that the Romans were there. And yet he speaks of the urns, as if indeed they were all Danish, tho' he allows the mouths of several to be upwards, which is a position made use of by the Romans, and not by the Danes, as I have shewed in Leland, where I have likewise signified that I had seen a MS. fragment of Solinus relating to the Romans being in Ireland.

Oct. 13 (Fri.). Mr. Baker hath informed me that in Mr. Bagford's MS. at Cambridge, about the various translations and editions of the Bible, is nothing but what we have had since in printed books & particularly in a late Book, which, he believes, I have no great esteem for. I know not what late Book he means, but I remember to have seen an English book (a translation) some years ago on this subject, which I did not much value, & therefore gave it but a slight view, but I think it came out before Mr. Bagford's death, tho' after he had drawn up his Account, & the author made use of Mr. Bagford's papers, they having been sent him.

Oct. 14 (Sat.). 'A table from the beginning of the world to this day; wherein is declared in what yeere of the world every thing was done, both

in the Scriptures mentioned, and also in prophane matters; written by that worthy member of the Church of God, Mr. John More preacher at Norwich, seene and allowed by publike authority. Printed by John Legate, printer to the Universitie of Cambridge. And are to be sold at the signe of the Sunne in Paul's churchyard in London 1593, 8^o. Mr. Loveday bought this book at Carlisle and lent it me (for 'tis grown scarce) since his return. 'Tis dedicated by the publisher Nicholas Bownd to Edmund [Scambler] bishop of Norwich, and to the Mayor, aldermen, sheriffes and whole corporation of that City. The author designed it for
 10 the Press and used to let any that would have the perusal and sight of it in his life time, and permitt some to copie it. 'Tis the firstfruits of his labours. But 'tis but a part of his works, there being others (but I think not printed) consisting of mapps and variety of learning in Hebrew and Greek, for which there was but a paucitie of such sort of types, and the charges too for printing would be immense. The Author, it seems, was a man of very great reading and learning, and of excellent wisdom and godliness and of unwearisome and endless pains in preaching the Gospel. The Bishop was his great encourager. And so was the whole citie. It is published without the least addition or alteration. The publisher's dedi-
 20 cation dated at Norton in Suffolke 24 Aug. 1593. The Author is generally out in his Chronology, with respect to what he says about the foundation of any of our colleges in the two Universities, as he hath also variety of other mistakes and yet there is skill used in the book.

Oct. 15 (Sun.). Mr. Baker can say nothing of Dr. Wittie's principles. I think there is somewhat said of him in Dr. Barwick's English life, not much to his advantage.

Sir Henry Savile's translation of Tacitus was printed by John Norton, who, I think, was Sir Henry's printer at Eton, and was the first of our English printers that printed the Greek in perfection. Mr. Chevallier, in
 30 his *L'origine de l'imprimerie* pag. 245, styles Sir Henry Savile's Chrysostome, printed *par Jean Norton* at Eton, *un chef-d'œuvre d'imprimerie Grecque*. But the first edition of his Translation of Tacitus, was printed before Sir H. Savile came to be Provost of Eton.

Oct. 16 (Mon.). An Epitaph I had yesterday from Mr. Loveday but 'twas never put up. 'Twas made by Jeremy Collier.

[An Epitaph on Frances Dobbs, daughter of Edward Dobbs, rector of Great Snoring in Norfolk, 'a considerable sufferer for the Royal Cause in the reign of King Charles I'.]

Oct. 17 (Tu.). 'An Itinerary, contayning a voyage, made through
 40 Italy in the year 1646 and 1647, illustrated with divers figures of antiquities, never before published. By Jo. Raymond, gent., Lond. 1648'

Oct. 16, 1732. Rev. John Hotchkin of Kibworth, to H. (Rawl. 7. 67). Explains that his subscription for Otterbourne was despatched on Mar. 27, and sends a copy of the carrier's receipt.

Oct. 17, 1732. H. to Cuthbert Constable [MS. Misc. Eng. c. 88. 31]. Asks if C. has any book of Holy Offices in which there are prayers to Hen. VI.

8^{vo}. He dedicates it to Prince Charles. He was not twenty years of age when he wrote it. There are many pretty things in it.

[Then follow extracts.]

The said little book was lent me by Mr. Loveday.

I wrote to day to Mr. Constable to know whether he hath any book of holy offices, such as, *The Mattins of the Virgin Mary*, or any other, with Prayers in it to Hen. VI. I wrote to him at Burton Constable (that being his Country seat) in Holderness, nigh Hull in Yorkshire.

Oct. 18 (Wed.). It is pleasant to observe how Sir H. Savile complements Queen Elizabeth upon her Translations, making them, *infinitely to exceed the Originalls*. Her style is intolerably stiff, as appears more particularly in a Prayer (for the public) composed by her (lately printed by Mr. Strype) which a man must have been very devout that could repeat and attend to, without being disturbed in his Devotions. But she loved flattery, and so whatever she did was magnified and cryed up, even what she did (and she began to write prayers & to translate when she was hardly in her *teens*) when she was a child. So 'tis no wonder, that all her performances were judged fit for the public service, and some have been so weak as to say so still.

Oct. 19 (Thur.). One Dr. Forbes, a Scottish man I suppose, hath made great collections relating to Q. Elizabeth, with a design to print Memorials of her reign. He thought he had made a discovery in her Letter to Queen Mary, found in the Paper Office. But as it happens, it is printed by me already in my Preface to Camden's Elizabeth. Tho' the Dr. has failed in this, he will, I hear, make other considerable discoveries, but what, or of what nature, they will be, I cannot say. I think it incumbent on him to vindicate that fine lady Mary Q. of Scots, to whom Q. Eliz. was so barbarous. The more I consider particulars, the more I am convinced of her Innocence, and I fear the many mischiefs, that have befallen her Posterity, are to be ascribed, in great measure, to their being remiss in her Vindication.

Oct. 20 (Fri.). Dr. Wake, the Archbishop of Canterbury, would have had Zachary Pearce to have undertaken the Councils, but he declined it, as did likewise Dr. Walker, the latter as I hear because of his being engaged in Classicks. They are the Archbishop of Canterbury's own collections, that I hear Dr. Wilkins is to publish, and what they are may, I suppose, in some measure be learned from the Archbishop's large book of Convocations.

Oct. 21 (Sat.). A. D. 1083 Roger Earl of Montgomery (a very honest religious man) built a Benedictine Abbey at Shrewsbury, to the honour of

Oct. 17, 1732. Thomas Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 98) [see Diary, Oct. 25, 30, Nov. 5, 10].

Oct. 19, 1732. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 364) [see Diary, Oct. 28]. Hopes to see Mr. Baker tomorrow.

Oct. 20, 1732. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 179). Sends two guineas.

St. Peter and St. Paul. The site of which Abbey belonged some time since to Mr. Jonathan Langley, who turning the Inclosure into Gardening, dug up many Bones, & threw them into the brook that turns the mill, & into the highway, which hath been the common practice at other religious houses within this Kingdom since the Dissolutions, not excepting even Reading itself, that most stately Abbey, in which the Founder Henry I was buried, but 'tis reported that his bones were taken up, and that even by order of K. Henry VIII & throwed into the river. After this Act at Shrewsbury, 'tis said that none of the labourers prospered, neither did
 10 Langley; for he soon outrun himself, so raised a company of men, and went over to Barbadoes, where when he had staid about twelve years & nothing prospered with him, he returned to Shrewsbury; but before he left it, he had mortgaged his Estate to the Earl of Bradford. This Langley dyed at Shrewsbury about 28 years since, & was buried in the Abbey Church, leaving his Estate to one Baldwin in the town, not at all related to him, but had assisted him in his necessities. Baldwin has now this Estate, having paid off the deep mortgage to Lord Bradford. [From Mr. Loveday, Oct. 18, 1732.]

Oct. 22 (Sun.). In the Abbey Church of Shrewsbury there lies on
 20 a Tomb against the East end of the South Isle a defaced figure holding a sword in the right hand. On the wall about it is written the following inscription:—'This Figure being found amongst the ancient ruins of the Monastery of St. Peter & St. Paul, which was there placed in remembrance of Roger de Montgomery, sometimes Earl of Shrewsbury, was by direction of his Majesty's heralds att arms in their visitation of this County, 1622, brought into this place to remaine in perpetual memorie of the said Right Noble Earle, Founder of the said Monastery.' In the west Porch stands a great bell cracked, which they call St. Winefrid's Bell; on the upper Rim in Saxon Capitals are these words PROTEGE
 30 PVRA PIA QVOS CONVOCO VIROS¹ MARIA. On the lower rim in smaller Saxon characters: Sancta Wynefrida Deo nos comendare memento, ut pietate sua nos servet ab hoste cruento. [From Mr. Loveday.]

Oct. 23 (Mon.). On Friday last in the afternoon the wife of Thomas Browne, a woman of about 27 years of age, of St. Peter's in the East, labourer, was committed to Bridewell, and yesterday morning she was found dead in her bed. The Coroner's inquest brought it in a natural death. She was buried this afternoon in St. Peter's churchyard, having last night been brought in a coffin & placed in the belfry all night.

In Ireland they are generally so zealous for the late Dutch King
 40 Will. III that always after dinner they drink to the pious Memory of King Will. III.

Oct. 24 (Tu.). Yesterday Dr. Tanner shewed me the old book

Oct. 23, 1732. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 2. 90). Has determined to print a Short view of the Roman Emperers; on account of the expense of the plates, he hopes H. will promote it at Oxford. Sends a printed specimen.

¹ Probably the word used is really VOCE.—Ed.

of Landaff, a vellum MS. which he borrowed out of the Library of Mr. Davies of Llannerch. 'Tis of several hands, but the most material part is of a very good antiquity. It hath a very thick wooden cover, in one side of which is a brass figure of our Saviour, which I presently said was one of the old Æstels, & Dr. Tanner did not dissent. I say our Saviour, because Dr. Tanner said so himself, & indeed I have seen such a figure of our Saviour, as I remember, in some MSS. viz. in a semicircle or rainbow, & with a book in one hand; and yet I must note that I think 'twas designed rather for St. Telian, commonly called St. Tolio, the second Bishop of Landaff, and that is too the Tradition, that 'tis his Figure, 10 & the Book is commonly called St. Tolio's book.

Oct. 25 (Wed.). There is nothing in Mr. Bagford's MS. History at Cambridge of Typography, concerning Types at St. Alban's, & not much concerning printing there, excepting a hard reflection on Cardinal Wolsey, as an enemy to printing, which I have already, and I think the reflection just enough, the Cardinal being afraid that, by printing, several things of secret History would be revealed which he had rather should be hid from the vulgar.

Oct. 26 (Thur.). Wrote today to Mr. Brome of Ewington, to know whether he had had an opportunity of enquiring, whether Dr. 20 Morgan had Bishop Humphrey's additions to, and remarks upon, that part of Camden, which relates to Wales. Also to know in what Dr. Morgan's learning (he being characterized to be a great scholar) consists.

Oct. 27 (Fri.). The said Dr. Robert Morgan assisted Brown Willis in his Survey of Hereford Cathedral. He is Canon of Hereford. Bishop Humphreys collated him to the Prebend of Cublington in that Church on Sept. 3, 1702. The Rectory of Rosse (of which Dr. Morgan is now Parson) is in the Bishop of Hereford's gift. He is the same Robert Morgan that is mentioned p. 638 of Vol. II of my Caius.

Mr. Loveday was told by a gentleman in Wales, that, in all probability, 30 Chancellour Wynne of Hereford has some of Bishop Humphreys's Papers. The said Wynne is Dr. Edward Wynne, formerly of Jesus College, who is related to Bishop Humphreys.

Oct. 28 (Sat.). The verses I formerly mentioned are printed in a collection of verses published by Mr. Bourne with this title *Carmina Comititalia Cantabrigiensia* 1721. They have not the Title I mentioned, whatever Title they might have in the first edition of them. The Earl of Oxford sent me a transcript of them on the 19th inst., which I shall here copy:—

[A copy of Elegiacs entitled 'Scorbutus et Chlorosis oriuntur a torpore spirituum 40 animalium', beginning *Barbara jam cedant*, ending *Et vir sanatur virgine, virgo viro*. In *Vesp. Comit.* 1698.]

Oct. 25, 1732. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 120). Asks that his book may be sent by George Watts who 'inns at the King's Head in Cornmarket'.

Oct. 25, 1732. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 326). Has just arrived from Holland. [See Diary, Nov. 10, 16.]

Oct. 28, 1732. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 78) [see Diary, Nov. 1, 2].

Oct. 29 (Sun.). Coming home from my country walk on Friday last just without St. Clement's by Oxford I met Mr. Carew Reynell, Fellow of Corpus Christi. I took the opportunity of asking him, whether their Founder Bishop Fox made a will, & whether they have it in the College. He said he did, and thought, but could not be positive, that it is among Mr. Fulman's Papers in their College, all which papers he said himself had sometime since looked over. He asked whether I was publishing or writing about their founder. I told him not; 'twas for satisfaction of a Cambridge friend.

- 10 **Oct. 30 (Mon.).** Dr. Forbes, who is collecting Memoirs of Queen Elizabeth's reign, is a Scottish man. Lord Oxford has a good opinion of him. Mr. Baker thinks he is high in his Principles. One Forbes was expelled and degraded by the Univ. of Dublin, many years ago, for being an enemy to the Dutch King William III; see vol. 19, p. 146; also vol. 17, pp. 91, 176.

- Oct. 31 (Tu.).** On Thursday last, being the 26th, died suddenly in the afternoon Mr. Hurst of Oxford, ironmonger. He lived in the Cornmarket & was buried last night in St. Michael's church, Oxford. He died in the 81st year of his age; [85 was put upon his coffin]. He
20 was well the Monday before & very merry, being at St. Peter's Church in the East at the Sermon of the Shoemaker's Company, and after sermon at their Feast, and paid the Guinea or 20 shillings, as he had done a good while, to the musick that was at it, he having been entrusted with that money. He was a man of a bad Character, as having not a Principle of Honesty.

- Last Sunday in the afternoon preached at St. Marie's, before the University, Mr. Pritchard of Brazennose, he that is Minister of Nettlebed, having been chosen by the University in room of Mr. Nath. Wells, as I formerly observed, and I am told by all hands that his sermon was
30 wretchedly bad, which need not be wondered at, since he said himself that he desired and took Nettlebed, only because 'twas a good hunting country, not for the sake of doing good.

Nov. 1 (Wed.). The following evidence I copied from the original on parchment lent me on Monday last by Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq., being brought by the Warwick Carrier.

- [Gilbertus filius Iohannis Kentensis de Warwic' grants to the Prior and canons of Warwick a third part of the land of Dunstal, which Avicia de Wikham, step-mother of John Kentensis, held. He also grants and confirms the two-thirds of Dunstal which John Kentensis gave to the Canons.
40 Witnesses, Will. de Warwick, John son of the Dean, Rob. son of Richard, John Sallawe, John son of Richerius, Laurence his brother, Geoffrey, Henry, Nicholas son[s] of Ralf, Rob. de Merleberge, Will. de Wileg', Vincent son of Jordan, Robert Chaplain and others.]

Nov. 2 (Thur.). Mr. Ward in his letter of the 28th of last month, from Barford near Warwick, mentions the said deed of lands in Dunstall

Nov. 2, 1732. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 156). 'I ought sooner to have returned you thanks for the copies of Walter Hemingford, but the great hurry

[Suffolk, Risbridge (saith he) in Villare Anglicanum] given to their Priory of Warwick. Mention is made in it of Avicia de Wikham, which name (if Mr. Ward remembers right) occurs in an old pedigree of William de Wikham, penes Ric. Wykham de Swacliff, arm.

Nov. 3 (Fri.). Dr. Waterland gave a copy of the Cambridge MS. about K. Charles II's escape after the fight of Worcester to Dr. Herbert, who intended to print it; where that Edition sticks I know not, nor can Mr. Baker tell. It will be too small for a volume of it self without further additions. Mr. Pepys's Library at Magd. Coll. Cambr. will help him out, & furnish him with other materials.

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Nov. 4 (Sat.). On Thursday last at 4 Clock afternoon died at his house in Holywell, Oxford, Mr. William Mussendine, superior Beadle of Law of the Univ. of Oxford, and was buried last night at Holywell Church; as he was succeeded yesterday at two clock in the afternoon by Mr. Herbert Beaver, who had stood formerly against Mr. Crynes, & made an attempt afterwards, but in vain, against Mr. Powell.

Yesterday were chosen fellows of All Souls (there being three Vacancies this year) Mr. Bouden and Mr. Smith of Balliol, and Mr. Ernly of Trinity College. Mr. Anstis of Balliol stood again as Founder's kinsman, but they had no regard to that plea.

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Nov. 5 (Sun.). What I was lately told of an edition of our English Councils by Dr. Wilkins is well grounded. He is now employed in that work by the archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Wake, first entrusted with Dr. Walker, who being better qualified for Classics has dropt it, and left it to Dr. Wilkins, who is an industrious man and is skilled in Saxon &c.; but his materials are the Archbishop's own collections, who some time sent Mr. Baker a catalogue of the particulars which are very considerable, and it thence appears to be a great work, if well digested.

Mr. Loveday told me yesterday that his friend (one of Magdalen College) told him that he had enquired of a Gentleman of Corpus, who assured him that Bishop Fox made a will & that 'tis among Mr. Fulman's papers at Corpus.

Nov. 6 (Mon.). There is lately dead Mr. Charles Gardiner, Bach. of Div. and Rector of Trent in Somersetshire. He was formerly fellow of Corpus Christi College Oxon. and one of the Head Proctors of that Univ. in 1714. He was son of Dr. James Gardiner, that was Bishop of Lincoln. He took the degree of M.A., Mar. 17, 1707, and that of Bach. of Div., being not then in Orders, June 15, 1715. Some time after this

of Business in which I am ingaged must make my excuse. You was pleased to send me as *Presents* four large Paper and nine small; but really, Sir, the number is too great.' He keeps 4 copies, for which he sends 6 guineas, and returns the rest; he also sends 9 guineas as subscriptions for Otterbourne.

Nov. 5, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 100). Is sorry to learn that the Archbishop is ill. Has not heard from him for a year or two. His book on *The State of the Church* cost him prodigious pains and broke his constitution.

the said Living becoming vacant, he went into orders, settled at it, and married. He was a sober man, and a good scholar, and bore a good character in other respects.

Nov. 7 (Tu.). Tho' the Beadleship of Law be annexed to the Architypographus's place, yet nowadays some heads of Houses (such as the late Dr. Gardiner & Dr. Charlett &c.) have so contrived the matter, as to disjoyn them, and to let a mechanick enjoy the profits of the Architypographus's place, and indeed the office (tho' nothing of a scholar) too. And in the spurious edition of Athen. Oxon. under Mr. Samuel Clark
 10 instead of the *joyned* (as 'tis rightly in the first edition) is put the word *dis-joyned*, tho' both places are inseparably joyned by statute *in perpetuum*. I am apt to think Charlett had a hand in contriving the alteration. 'Tis true, Mussendine was an ignorant man, but as he was chosen, he ought to have enjoyed what he was chosen to, and so does Mr. Beaver.

Nov. 8 (Wed.). As for the said Mussendine, he was a large man, and was formerly fellow of Magdalen College. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of that College on Ap. 30, 1707. He was a most excessive drinker, as well as a great glutton, and so had a husband, that some years ago he was so much in debt, that his creditors compounded
 20 with him for about half a crown in the Pound, since which he ran in debt again very much, & so died, leaving nothing to discharge the debts. He was a married man, & his widow now lives in Holywell. By her he had one child, now a Querister of Magd. College about 12 or 14 years of age.

Nov. 9 (Thur.). Yesterday the Bodleian Speech was spoke by Mr. Dan. Burton M.A. and Student of Christ Church, son of Dr. Thomas Burton, canon of that House.

Mr. Loveday was told, when he was lately in Wales, that Mr. Rowlands, author of *Mona Antiqua*, was never of any University, nor indeed
 30 20 miles from Anglesey. His father was a countryman, that had good means of his own. He put his son to school; the lad proved so stubborn

Nov. 7, 1732. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 18) [see Diary, Nov. 21].

Nov. 9, 1732. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 72). 'I thank you for your Catalogue, with the Pamphlett about Pontefract, delivered to me by Mr. Crynes, Oct. 29 last. Mr. Ivie's Epictetus (mentioned num. 182) was not a new-year's Gift. The last new-year's Gift was Plato's Symposium (*sic*), printed all but the beginning before Dean Aldrich's death, but not published till after his death, when Dean Atterbury got it finished & put out. Mr. Fairfax (who published Palladius, num. 181) was the Editor. Mr. Ivie's Epictetus was printed for a Bookseller (Mr. Hen. Clements) of London, and a great number of Copies was printed, and there was a second Impression. 'Tis true there was an Epictetus printed (with Theophrastus) in 1707 at the Theater, and that was a new-year's Gift, and but few copies were printed, but the Editor was Mr. (now Dr.) Charles Aldrich, nephew of Dean Aldrich. Mr. Wanley had no manner of hand in the publication of Spelman's Hist. of Sacrilege, num.
 2026.'

Nov. 9, 1732. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 328) [see Diary, Nov. 11, 12].

& untoward, that the Master returned him to his father ; then he was put to plow, which by no means relishing with him, he (to the surprise of all) took wonderfully to his learning, but never went again to school. Bishop Humphreys was a friend of his. He always studied with his family about him. His wife, to whom he had been married about 50 years, dyed in the very same week with him. He was about 70 years old. There are 4 children of his now living, one, a son, belongs to the Auditor's office in Dublin. Mr. Rowlands was never all over the Isle of Anglesey, nor did he much regard antiquities since the Conquest, which makes his book the less curious and less usefull.

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Nov. 10 (Fri.). Mr. West is returned from his Journey into France, Flanders and Holland, and hath observed many curious particulars in those countries. His pamphletts are at present in such confusion that he knows not where to find the Tract he mentioned to me of Col. James Bridal.

On Wed. the 25th of Oct. last Mr. Anstis called upon Mr. West at the Inner Temple and desired him to acquaint me, that as he is writing on All Souls and other College Statutes, he is afraid it will be improper for him, to desire the loan of Bishop Fox's will, tho' he imagines it must be in the Bishop of Winchester's Register, and he designed to write 20 to Archdeacon Furney for a Copy.

This was on account of what I wrote to Mr. Anstis. But 'tis not to the purpose. I did not mention any thing of a loan. I only asked whether Bishop Fox made a will and whether it be in Corpus Christi College. I am now from other hands fully satisfied he did make a will, and that 'tis in Corpus Christi College among Mr. Fulman's papers. Mr. Anstis, when a few years since he lay at Corpus Christi College, looked over all Mr. Fulman's papers, as he then told me himself.

Mr. Baker doth not remember to have met with Dr. Boate, in their University of Cambridge. He might probably have been of Dublin 30 or Leyden. Arnold Boate, who corresponded by Letters, with Archbishop Usher (and was brother of Dr. Boate) was, I think, a Dutchman.

Nov. 11 (Sat.). Mr. Anstis would fain have me print Archbishop Sancroft's mandate to All Souls College. This I should be inclined to do, did not Mr. Anstis design to print it himself in the work he is now upon, relating to the Statutes of that and other Colleges. [Upon better consideration, I have since printed it in my Preface to Otterbourne, Mr. Anstis telling me it would not interfere with his design.]

On Bishop Atterbury's coffin 'Franciscus Atterbury episcopus Roffensis, nat. 6 Martii 1662, denat. 22 Februarii, 1731'. Over the heart 'The 40 Heart of Francis Atterbury, Bishop of Rochester'. Over his bowells 'In hac urna depositi sunt cineres Francisci Atterbury episcopi Roffensis'.

Mr. West's coin of Ludica, the Mercian King, is the same with that of Sir Andrew Fountaine's, and, I suppose, not different from Speed's.

Mr. Casley is printing a catalogue of the King's Library. Several sheets are already printed off, which he hath sent to Mr. West with copper plates of the handwriting of the MSS. Mr. West says this catalogue will shew some MSS. not known to be exstant.

Nov. 12 (Sun.). Within half a mile of Sopwell, of which no vestigia remain, is a large mansion house and park, belonging to Lord Grimston, now called St. Julian's. As all those lands came to the Crown at the Dissolution, and were granted by Henry VIII to Lord Denny, 'tis likely we

Nov. 12, 1732. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 230). Has received two letters from H. Agrees with H. that Woodhead was so humble a man that he contrived that the world should have very imperfect accounts of him; also that 'the Whole Duty of Man being found writ in Lady Packington's hand and corrected by that of Bp. Fell is no argument that she was the Author of it'. Remembers that the MSS. of the late Dr. Nath. Johnstone were placed in the hands of a bookseller at York, named Hillyeard, 'with a desire that he would try to get subscriptions of the Yorkshire gentry to publish the said MSS. but he could meet with no encouragement for so vast a work, and the MSS. were sent back to the owner. While they were at the bookseller's I desired him to let me know what price the Author sett upon them. He writ me word 500 lb., which gave a stop to any further inquiry. . . . I have heard that these MSS. were very ill writ, and hard to read'. Has searched all his old Prayer Books and has found no prayers to Henry VI, but in a book printed at Paris, apparently in 1512, at the expense of Simon Vostre, containing 'Officium Beatae Mariae ad usum Sarum cum pluribus devotis orationibus &c.' are two prayers, of which he gives the words, composed by Henry VI. 'When I was at Wicliffe, I heard of one Smith of Melsonby, a very comely old man, Rector of Melsonby about seven miles from Wicliffe, who I heard was of University College and curious in antiquities, which two things were inducements sufficient to make me goe several times to see him, and I had also several letters from him, which were somewhat more satisfactory than what I could get from him when I went to see him; for his great age made him run from one thing to another in talking so that he was very tedious and I commonly went back with little ore no indelligence more than I carried, but as he had collected formerly several things concerning University Colledge out of the Registers and other records, when he writ and sent me these MSS. to peruse, I got some small matters out of 'em about Mr. Woodhead and Ob. Walker, but nothing very essential except the character of Mr. Woodhead which was inserted by stealth in a vacant part of the Register in K. James II reign, which I thought preferable to any epitaph yet made of that good man, and so chose it accordingly with little or no alteration. It was as follows, and is now put upon the tombe stone. 'Hic jacet | qui elegit abjectus esse in Domo Dei | et mansit in solitudine | non querens quod sibi utile sed quod multis | Abraham Woodhead, maximum Collegii Universitatis Oxonii, ut et totius seculi | ornamentum | vivum virtutum omnium exemplar | vir | versus Deum ardentissima pietate | versus ecclesiam catholicam humillimo obsequio | studiorum indefessa assiduitate mirabilis, | honoribus, divitiis, seculique voluptatibus omnibus | vitam humilem obscuram et laboriosam praetulit | neque libris | quos permultos, et utilissimos et piissimos doctissimosque edidit | nomen suum inscribi passus est | Obiit fere septuagenarius Maii 4^{to}, An. Dom. 1678' &c. I found also in one of Mr. Smith's books of MSS. of which he has many, the time and words in which he resigned his fellowship, the different times of travelling and the like. I had some talk with him about you and told him I wondered that as he was an antiquary, he could find in his heart to use those ruff expressions against you in his Annals of University Colledge; he answered that you had provockd him first and said that he had no ill will against you, and as a proof of the same he would gladly have had me to take a guinea to send you. I excused myself and told him he might as easily send it to you as I could; that you stoud in no need of his mony but that I would let him know your good will to him. But after all

can meet with nothing relating to the nunnery, tho' the house might have its present name from Juliana Barnes. Mr. West hath some part of that Estate, and his Title is deducible from the King's grant to Lord Denny and exchange for other lands.

Nov. 13 (Mon.). The Saint's day, or the Sunday following, used formerly constantly to be kept for the feast of the dedication of the Church, but this falling in some places in the middle of Harvest, and in others in the depth of winter, a consideration was had thereof, and an injunction passed in the reign of King Henry VIII in a Convocation, 1536, that the feast of Dedication of Churches should in all places¹⁰ throughout this realm be henceforth celebrated and kept on the first Sunday of the month of October. But this proving also inconvenient to many places, the Injunction was never wholly conformed to or observed. See p. 125 of *The History of Churches in England by Thomas Staveley Esq., late of the Inner Temple, London, 1712, 8^{vo}*. 'Tis a pretty book and usefull. The Author was a Barrester at Law of the said Inner Temple, but some years before he dyed, he retired much from Business, and spent his time chiefly in the study of the Histories of our own nation. He was universally esteemed by his Acquaintance and Friends, as a diligent, judicious and faithfull Antiquary. 'Tis a posthumous work.²⁰

Nov. 14 (Tu.). Mr. Selden (History of Tythes fol. 272) from an ancient Manuscript alledgeth a deed made by one Robert de Hesel to the Monastery of Giseburn in Yorkshire, wherein he gives *duas garbas de tota terra quam de novo colui in territorio de Hesel postquam illam tenui aut quam ego de celero colam vel heredes mei, ita ut decimatio hæc cedat in fabricacionem ecclesie nove de Giseburn*, i.e. two garbs of all his lands which he newly tilled in the territory of Hesel. Here (saith Mr. Selden) the gift of these two garbs or sheaves is called *decimatio*, but according to his interpretation of this particular grant to give two sheaves for tithe (which was then scarce worth a halfpenny) and to order that for³⁰ such an Employment as to build a Church, which will hardly buy a stone, he conceives to seem somewhat impertinent. But one of his Antagonists (Dr. Tillesly fol. 181) endeavours to find out another interpretation or signification of *duas garbas*, whereby the donation was more probable to compass so considerable a work.¹ Staveley pag. 136.

he pressed me sore to take the guinea and got off his seat to put it in my hand and not taking hold of his stick and being feeble with age and his feet benumbed with the gout, he fell down nigh the fire but by good providence got no harm; and thus we parted. He has a good character for his charity to the poorer sort of people to whom he returns all fees. He has a good living, a good house and pretty gardens, looks well for his age, is not fat nor very lean; his memory is very poor now, and as I said before he runs from one thing to another; but more than enough on this subject.²

¹ *duas garbas* means two-thirds of the great tithe; it is an abridgement for *duas partes garbarum*, and is common enough in cartularies.—Ed.

Nov. 15 (Wed.). One Mr. Mendi, a joyner, a good cleaver workman, who works at Woodbury Farm by Beckley, told me last night of Foundations of old buildings frequently dug up there, and that there is a tradition, that there hath been a town there. He said an earthen pot was some time since found there, but that 'twas broke and nothing found in it but ashes and dust and one silver piece. From his account I took the said piece to be a Roman denarius, and the vessel to be an urn, and indeed here was a Branch of a Roman way came along this way on the east side of Stowe wood. The Foundations they find are of stone, 10 strangely rivetted into the roots of trees sometimes.

Woodbury belongs to one Mr. Morse, who hath built a new house there. He is a single man, a batchelour, about 74 years of age. He is reported to be worth three hundred thousand pounds. He hath estates in other places, and is still purchasing others.

Nov. 16 (Thur.). Mr. Granger's coins are sold to one Captain Tolson for 460 l.; Mr. West profered the same before he went abroad, but as they did not think proper to make him an offer, he readily acquiesces, his little Collection, he says, being near equal to his, excepting half a dozen curiosities (most of which Mr. West says he gave him) 20 which what they are I know not.

Nov. 17 (Fri.). From the Northampton Mercury, Mond. Nov. 13 :—

'Tis written from Bath that the Lady Harley died there last Tuesday in Childbed.

On Sunday night, Nov. 5, dyed Mr. Richard Bradley, F.R.S., Professor of Botany in the University of Cambridge and author of several ingenious books of husbandry and gardening.

Mr. William Smith, one of those that are elected Fellows of All Souls College, is gentleman Commoner of Balliol College and son to William Smith Esq., one of the six clerks in Chancery.

30 On Thursday, Nov. 9, Mr. Matthias Earbury, a Nonjuring Clergyman, was seized by three of his Majesty's messengers, in Shipyard near Temple Bar, whither a person had decoyed him under Pretence of employing him to write a weekly journal. He is charged upon Oath with writing the Royal Oak Journal of the 23rd of September last, containing many personal Reflections upon her Majesty and Sir Robert Walpole.

Nov. 18 (Sat.). Mr. Anstis in his Letter of the 7th from the Herald's Office tells me, he is of opinion, that if he had wrote to desire a copy of Bishop Fox's Will, he might have created some jealousy in the College, that he was enquiring into the constitution thereof to their disadvantage, 40 since in my letter I intimated that I would not have my name used.

'Tis true, I did intimate, that I would not have my name used, but I only desired to know, whether he made a will and whether 'tis in the College, but did not desire nor speak of the loan of it, as neither did my friend who put the question to me. I desired my name might be

Nov. 15, 1732. George Ballard to H. (Rawl. 2. 5). Sends a fragment of a manuscript Bible [see *Letters from the Bodleian*, ed. Philip Bliss, 1813, vol. ii. 89].

Nov. 16, 1732. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 15. 127). Some inscriptions from Kilmallock in the county of Limerick.

concealed, because I feared if 'twas mentioned, a direct answer would not be given. I am now from other hands fully satisfied, the Bishop made a will, and that 'tis in the College among Mr. Fulman's papers, as I have hinted also above. This is all I wanted to know, and I go no farther.

Nov. 19 (Sun.). Yesterday calling upon the Rector of Linc. College, Mr. Isham, he told me that that morning the Vicechancellour, Dr. Holmes, told Mr. Beaver, that the said Mr. Beaver was Architypographus, and that he ought to look after the Press. The Rector however observed that Mr. Beaver was not elected architypographus, but Beadle only. Be that as it will, it is however certain that both places are united by Statute, and that therefore he that is Beadle is by Statute also architypographus, notwithstanding this word be not expressed in the form of election; and so 'twas declared when I was elected many years since; at which time when they contrived what they could to hinder such as were for me from standing to their Resolution, the Bishop of Bristol (Dr. Smalridge) and the Bishop of Chester (Dr. Gastrell) & divers others firmly and stoutly told such as they discoursed with, that there was a strict oath, & that by virtue thereof they were to chose a man of learning, *Vir Graecis Latinisque literis probe instructus, et in studiis philologicis versatissimus &c.*; which particular had its effect, so that Magdalen College men stroke in with me (Mussendine of that College desisting) and Mr. Terry of Trinity College and his party only standing out, tho' they were baffled. The Rector said, it was pity the Convocation had not been apprized that they were to elect an architypographus, & that there was a very strict Statute in the case. As to that, ignorance does not excuse, nor hinder the right of the Beadle, who is most certainly by statute intituled to the office of architypographus, and consequently to the profits thereof also. The statute indeed should have been read in that case, but I suppose 'twas a designed omission. As for Beaver's election, there were but few that voted, there being no opposition, but it was soon over & few therefore were sworn. At first one Townsend, M.A. and Fellow of New College and one Fisher A.M. and Butler of Jesus College appeared, but finding their interest not strong enough, they desisted.

Nov. 20 (Mon.). [A letter to Mr. Anstis to the same effect and in much the same words as the Diary for Nov. 18.]

Nov. 21 (Tu.). Mr. Anstis thinks that a copy of Bishop Fox's will may be had from Winchester, it being, he believes, in the Bishop's

Nov. 19, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 44). [See Diary, Nov. 28.] 'The forme of bidding of Prayers quoted by you from H. L'Estrange is (I presume) the same that is reprinted in Ant. Harmer's Specimen Pag. 166 &c., num. 11. That Forme I have compared with Mr. Wharton's copy, the reading whereof is *with tvaile*. . . I am apt to think *tavaile* is the true reading. The mistake is easy from -t. to -l. . . You have the like Forme of bidding prayers in the Liber Festivalis printed anno 1499. The words are "Ye shall also pray for them that fynde any light in this church, or give any bequest, Boke, Belle, Chalice or Vestment, surlyse, aultar clothe or *towail*, londs, rents, lamp or light, or any other adornment" . . . I write the sooner lest you should be led into a mistake by an erronious copy; for so H. L'Estrange's seems to be.'

register, and he refers me to Archdeacon Furny; but as I do not want a copy, there is no occasion for any such Inquiry, it seeming withall to me that 'tis not likely to be there, the Prerogative Office being the place of proving Wills.

Mr. Anstis says, he believes that Bishop made a will, because Corpus Christi College have, as he hath been told, his Miter, Pontifical Staff &c., which he cannot think he would part with in his life time, but that he bequeathed them by his will.

The case, he says, of Archbishop Chichley is the same, who made
 10 a will, as it appears by some records, where his executors are named, and yet nothing thereof can be found either in the Prerogative Office, or the Archbishop's Registers, *but the same* (says Mr. Anstis) *must be in All Souls College, as to which College* (adds he) *if you please to publish Archbishop Sancroft's mandate, it will in no way interfere with my design.*

Mr. Anstis also observes that it may not be improbable that Anthony Wood in his Antiquities may take notice of a will made by Bishop Fox, as he remembers he doth of Chicheley's will. Mr. Anstis hath seen the will of Wickham, which is not in the Prerogative Office.

20 Last night was buried in St. Ebb's church one Mr. Boddely, in which church his father is also buried. He was brought in an herse from London, where he died. He had lived lately in Oxford in St. Peter's parish in the East, but went away last midsummer to keep a tavern in London, tho' he had before lived as a gentleman. His father was by trade an ironmonger, tho' he left it off some time before he died. This Boddely, the son, lived extravagantly. His wife, now a widow, is the daughter of the late Mr. Daniel Yates of Holywell, Oxon., head cook of Magdalen College. She hath been a very pretty Woman and she is still handsome. Mr. Boddely hath left by her one child, a daughter, about
 30 14 years of age, a very pretty child.

Nov. 22 (Wed.). Mr. George Ballard hath promised to give Thomas Rawlins of Pophills Esq. an account of his late London journey, when he met with and procured several scarce coins, and made many remarks with respect to books and other curiosities.

Mr. Gagnier hath now in the Press at Oxford Abulpheda's Geography. Mr. Gagnier understands nothing of mathematicks or geography. He prints five hundred.

Nov. 23 (Thur.). Yesterday Bishop Tanner told me that Browne Willis is wonderfully busy indeed in collecting tradesmen tokens or
 40 farthings, that passed in the Rump times. He said Browne Willis's book of the dedications of Churches is, as it were, upon coming out. But he seemed to think meanly of it and wished he had went on with his Cathedrals. He said, Mr. Wood's Book of Grosthead's life was sufficient, and that it should be printed, but with alterations. I told him I heard that Dr. Knight designed a folio book of Ely Cathedral. He did not deny it, but said he was glad of it.

Nov. 24 (Fri.). To enquire about Dr. George Medd, Vice-Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. I understand that one Mr. Cely wrote

a handsome character of him in verse. It seems he affected a retired Life, was a very modest and humble man, and of great Learning, in which he assisted many, but cared not to have his name mentioned or known. He lived to a good old age.

Nov. 25 (Sat.). Mr. John Jones, of Abbot's Ripton in Huntingdonshire, has pickt up some small piece of curiosity lately, that he designed for me, but unfortunately missed of an opportunity of sending it by a private hand.

Dr. Banner preached last Sunday in the afternoon, and I am told took occasion to speak against *ipso facto excommunications*, but no otherwise 10 than as it had been done before to his hands. The second Canon of the Church of England, made anno 1603, is for ipso facto excommunications. That Canon which is about the King's supremacy in ecclesiastical causes, is to be understood of rightfull kings only, such as King James I was, when the Canon was made. King James II was also undoubtedly a rightfull king, and the Nonjurors say that such as adhered to him were the true Church of England, and the others that adhered to an usurper schismaticks, and by virtue of this Canon ipso facto excommunicated.

This morning died Mr. King, father of Mr. King, a noted mason in St. Peter's in the East, Oxford. He died at his son's house, where he 20 hath lived for some time. [Buried in St. Peter's Churchyard by his two brothers, Monday night Nov. 27.]

Nov. 26 (Sun.). In Balliol College Library is a MS. Glossary of St. Jerome, never yet printed. It is num. 333, O. 17, in the printed Catalogue. I think Mr. Dodwell had a transcript of it. I am sure he quotes it in p. 80 of his *Annales Quintiliani*.

Nov. 27 (Mon.). In the year 1715 Mr. Michael Mattaire by the stile of Michael Mattaire of Stepney, schoolmaster, was, among many others, summoned to take the Oaths, but not appearing according to Summons, on October 6 the same year, being the first day of Term, their names were 30 read, and Proclamation made in open Court, that if they did not come in and take the Oaths before the end of that Sessions, they would be convicted of Popish Recusancy, and suffer as such. This appears from the publick Prints of that time, and it appears to me from good Evidence, that Mr. Mattaire stood out and did not comply, tho' in what manner they proceeded afterwards, I am not certain. He is a Layman, tho' Dr. Hickes would fain have had him gone into orders and was displeased that he would not, as he was also displeased that Mr. Mattaire frequented the publick churches, looking upon such as do so, to be only half Nonjurors, which is the opinion likewise of many others of the Nonjurors, who 40 abstain from the publick Churches, into which such as they call schismaticks are got.

Nov. 28 (Tu.). 'Mr. John Moore, author of the Chronology, was of the University of Cambridge, Art. Bac. an. 1562, Mr. 1567; admitted Fellow of Christ's College an. 1566, the same year, with the famous Laur. Chaderton, afterwards Mr. of Eman. College, appointed one, with Dr. Reynolds of Oxon. &c. at the Conference at Hampton Court. There

is an ample Character of Mr. Jo. Moore (with his Picture) in Holland's *Heroologia*, pag. 210.

One Nicholas Bonde, Art. Bac. Cant. an. 1563, Nic. Bound Coll. Petri Art. Bac. an. 1571; the Publisher (I presume) of Mr. Moor's book. Nicholas Bond S.T.P. institutus ad rectoriam de Norton, dioc. Norwic. 3 Sept., 1585, and yet by his standing, as well as name, the former Nic. Bonde must have been the Publisher. Nicholas Bonde obiit 6 Id. Feb., an. 1607. What relation either of them had to Dr. Nicholas Bond of Oxon. I do not know. From Mr. Baker, Nov. 19, 1732.

10 **Nov. 29 (Wed.).** On Monday June 26, 1732, I received some MS. Papers (which he lent me) from Thomas Rawlins of Pophills, Esq. His letter, which came with them, dated from Stratford upon Avon June 22. They had belonged to Mr. Ant. a Wood. They are written by Mr. Wood's own hand. They are nothing but short extracts from Mr. Leland's *Collectanea*. Mr. Wood puts this date at the beginning *June 17, 1660*. They are stitched in a thin 4^{to} and are comprehended in 13 leaves or 26 pages.

Nov. 30 (Thur.). At the same time Mr. Rawlins lent me another little sticht 4^{to} paper MS. of ten pages, all written with Mr. Ant. Wood's 20 own hand, from which I extract the following things.

[A note about the Thames, of no value, from Windsor's notes in B. MS. in lib. Coll. Corp. Christi p. 33.

Extracts from an Oseney rental of 1463 now in Bodl. Lib.]

Dec. 1 (Fri.). From another little 4^{to} MS. lent me at the same time by Mr. Rawlins, written by Mr. Wood's own hand, containing 14 pages.

[Extracts from liber Landavensis.]

Dec. 2 (Sat.). Copy of a Paper in the handwriting of Dr. Plot communicated by the said Mr. Rawlins.

30 [A summary of a dispute, whether the Prior and Chapter of Canterbury, *sede vacante*, have the right of visiting All Souls College. The case was evidently tried in the Papal Court, in the course of the fifteenth century. The judges decided that the Prior and Chapter have this right; *sede vacante*.]

Dec. 4 (Mon.). Copy of another paper lent me at the same time by Mr. Rawlins. It is written by Mr. Wood's own hand. It contains 4 leaves in 4^{to}.

[Extracts from Registrum Aaa, now in the University Archives.]

[Sent Mr. Rawlins's papers back by Geo. Watts, the Warwick Carrier, Jan. 22, Mond. 1732, car. paid, directed to be left for him at Mr. Bolts, an Apothecary in Stratford upon Avon, Mr. Rawlins himself living at 40 Pophills.]

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Dec. 6 (Wed.). On Monday night, Nov. 27 last, died suddenly of a Lethargic Apoplexy, Francis Nourse, of Wood Eaton near Oxford, Esq. and was carried into Gloucestershire on Nov. 30 to be buried by his wife, who died about four years before. [I was misinformed; for he was buried on Sunday Dec. 3 in Woodeaton Church.] He was formerly of

Trinity Coll. Oxford, where he took the Degree of Bach. Civ. Law, July 11, 1701. He hath left a Son and a daughter. The son at the death of his father about 21 or 22 years of age, the daughter a miserable deformed creature.

On Wednesday night Nov. 29 last Mr. John Pointer, Chaplain of Merton College, was examined before the Warden of that College, Dr. John Holland, on the point of sodomy, he having been accused of sodomitical practises. Two persons of the College, Postmasters, I hear, of a good reputation, were ready to make their oath, and there were not wanting many other proofs, but their oaths were foreborn, and for quiet-¹⁰ness Pointer was advised to go off from the College, and forbid reading Prayers as Chaplain there any more. Accordingly he went off on Monday Morning Dec. 4, 'tis supposed into Northamptonshire,¹ where he hath a vicarage. He hath withall a little Estate near Witney in Oxfordshire. He hath been guilty of this abominable vice many years. This is the same Pointer, who hath been mentioned by me more than once formerly, as a Pretender to Antiquities, which he knows little of. He hath been long great with the foresaid Dr. Holland, as he hath also with Dr. Potter Bishop of Oxford, to whose son of Christ Church he was a kind of Sub-
tutor.

But this and other Vices are become so common in England, being spread from beyond sea and from a most loose Court at London where there is no Religion, that they are not by many looked upon as sins. So that 'tis astonishing to hear, that in a Pamphlet newly published, entituled, *A Philosophical Dissertation upon Death*, Murder, Adultery, Sodomy, Treachery &c. are justified and affirmed to be no Crimes.

Dec. 7 (Thur.). Yesterday about noon died Mr. Evans Lloyd, M.A., and not long since Fellow of Jesus College. Tho' he had a very good Parsonage in Northamptonshire, yet he never went near it, but chose rather to live, two years ago, at a little Ale House upon Shottover Hill,³⁰ near Oxford, where he continued as a boarder night and day, which being understood by his Diocesan Dr. Clavering, he was at last outed thence; and then notwithstanding he was quit of his Fellowship, he returned to Jesus College and hath lived there in a strange lazy manner, keeping no manner of Company, and doing no kind of Business, ever since. He took the degree of M.A., June 25, 1719. He was a man of a great memory, and was a good Scholar, and might have been serviceable to the learned world, had he used but common Industry. He was buried to-night in Jesus College ante-chapell.

Dec. 8 (Fri.). I used always, whenever I met the said Mr. E. Lloyd⁴⁰ (which I did sometimes formerly accidentally, as I was walking) to talk

Dec. 8, 1732. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. 1. 120). A long account of the action of All Souls College in rejecting his son. 'The measures of their Iniquities are not yet full and every year furnishes new Instances of their

¹ 'He staid out but a little while, returning again to Oxford, going publicly about and taking a House in St. Gyles's, where he now (June 8, 1733) lives.' Note by Hearne.

with him about the British MS. Chronicle in Jesus College library, and I was urgent with him to promote the publishing it. He loved to discourse about it, and to like the design, but did not care to set about it, fearing that he and such as should assist him, should never meet with sufficient encouragement, especially since the Generality of his own countrymen did not at all countenance it.

On Friday Dec. 1, 1732, one Barnes of St. Aldate's in Oxford was discommuned for keeping and driving a waggon to and from London with goods, in opposition to those that were licensed by the Vice-Chancellor, he having no license at all. At first he had been put into the Vice-Chancellor's Court, but being a Freeman of the City of Oxford, he refused to answer there, whereupon he was imprisoned in the Castle last summer by Dr. Shippen's (and not, as I have heard, Dr. Butler, then Vice-Chancellor's) warrant, he (Butler) being, it seems, absent; but applying above at London, he was soon freed, and desisted not at all from prosecuting his Business.

Dec. 9 (Sat.). On the second instant (being Saturday) died of the Colick (or, as they say, the twisting of the Guts) Mr. Bourne, one of the Mayor of Oxford's assistants, and one of Commissioners for the Common
20 Shoars there. Had he lived till February next, he would have been four-score years of age. His widow is about a quarter of a year older than he. He died in Rewly House, where he and his wife have lived some years. He was by trade a saddler, which he gave off, and practised mauling afterwards for a good while, but gave off that also, having lost at one time fifteen hundred libs. by it. He had the Character of an honest quiet man. He hath left several children, all daughters & all, I think, married, with each of which 'tis said he gave 300 libs. 'Tis said he died but in mean circumstances, which is not material, since he had provided for his Children. 'Tis pretty certain he did not thrive at Rewly, which was
30 a religious House, as 'tis likewise pretty certain that never any one thrived at it since the Dissolution. Mr. Bourne used to love to talk of Antiquities. He was buried on Tuesday night Dec. 5 in St. Thomas's churchyard, in which parish Rewly is, under, or else by, an old tomb-stone, that he used to talk of.

Dec. 10 (Sun.). On Sunday the 3rd of this Month was buried Mr. Brickland at St. Michael's Oxford, who died about two days before at his house, where he lived, by Thorold Gate.¹ He was father of that fine daughter, commonly called Raggabella (because her father purchased

Behaviours.' Discusses whether Henry VI or Chichele is to be reckoned Founder.

Dec. 9, 1732. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 330) [*see* Diary, Dec. 12]. 'I hope the Bp. of St. Asaph will not think it worth his while to change for Norwich, since that will deprive Oxford of his Company. Thomas Rawlinson's last Catalogue sells very miserably & indeed I am apt to think great part were never his books. I have obtained Rev. Father Baker's picture of which I am not a little glad.'

¹ This is one of Hearne's affectations. He means Turl Gate. It was never called Thorold Gate by any one but Hearne; and the name has no connection with Thorold.—Ed.

and sold old Cloaths) who was said to have been married (but it did not prove true) to old Matthew Hole, late Rector of Exeter College. She hath been dead some time.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Dec. 4 :—

Rome, Nov. 15. Last week died the Lord Ratcliff (so called here) a British Man of Quality, and has left the Bulk of his Estate, which is very considerable, to one of his Grandnephews, under the Executorship of Cardinal Gentili. He has bequeathed also a curious collection of Gold Medals to the Pretender.

Jenkin Thomas Philips Esq., Preceptor to his Royal Highness Prince William, Duke of Cumberland, is appointed Historiographer to his Majesty, in the Room of Robert Stephens Esq. deceased, a place worth 200 l. per Annum.

There is very lately dead at Richmond in Surrey, William Master Esq. by whose death a considerable estate falls to Thomas Master Esq., a Member of Parliament for Cirencester.

This gentleman was some years ago in Oxford with John Bridges Esq. at which time I had several times much conversation with him. He was near 70 years of age when he died. He had formerly lived for a good while in France. He was a man of a pleasant Conversation, and was honest. He knew many things of consequence about the Abbey of Shene, and I thought to have had them, but he never wrote to me. 20

Dec. 11 (Mon.). On Monday Dec. 4 last died the widow Harris, of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, and was buried on Friday night immediately following in St. Michael's Church by her late husband, Mr. Harris, a Pettifogger Attorney, commonly called Secutor or Executor Harris, from his methods of getting rich by making Peoples wills and entering himself, when they were hardly in their senses, Executor. She was 62 years of age.

Dec. 12 (Tu.). Mr. West hath got Juliana Barnes's book, but not that printed at St. Alban's, which is very scarce, nor did he ever see one of that Impression, nor hath he seen a MS. thereof. 30

Mr. Granger's coins are again to be sold, by the death of Governour Harrison, Postmaster General. Tho' there are several among them that Mr. West wants, yet should he purchase them, he should have thereby so many duplicates, that he does not think of making any offer for them.

Mr. Willis was in London the 9th, and was indefatigable in traversing the street and intreating his friends, in order to obtain coins, English ones I suppose, particularly the Tokens and Tradesmen's farthings. He will shortly publish his *Parochiale Anglicanum*, which will finish his ecclesiastical disquisitions, and he talks of going on with his *Notitia Parliamentaria*, the Speaker of the House of Commons (Annesly) having offered 40 him money.

Dec. 11, 1732. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 137). His copy of Hemingford was to have been consigned to Mr. Vandenhoeck at Virgil's head opposite to the New Church in the Strand; but B. finds the parcel was not delivered, and doubts not that the Carrier has it in his warehouse. Asks H. to enquire after it. [See Dec. 26, and Feb. 1 and 21, 1733.]

Dec. 12, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 103) [see Diary, Dec. 20, 21, 22].

Dec. 13 (Wed.). If Dr. Knight does no more with respect to Grosthead's life, than what was left by Ant. Wood, it will not answer expectation. Whenever he sets in good earnest about the History of Ely Cathedral, without doubt Mr. Baker of Cambridge will hear of it, who can help him to good materials. But it seems he has another work in hand, viz. The Life of Bishop Overall, who was Fellow of his own (Trinity) College.

Dec. 14 (Thur.). On the 6th inst., being Wednesday, Mr. Nibb, an upholsterer, was chosen one of the Mayor of Oxford's assistants, in room
 10 of Mr. Bourne deceased. My Lord Abbingdon came in a coach and six from Rycot that morning, on purpose to hinder him being elected, and my Lord put up in opposition to him Mr. Laurence the Chandler, but all would not do. For Mr. Nibb carried it by a majority of 18, there being 80 that voted, of which Nibb had 49, and Laurence 31. My Lord himself voted on this occasion, and when the election was over, he invited the Mayor and his assistants to dinner at the Cross Inn, some of which went, but the Mayor (Mr. Appleby) being afflicted with the Gout (for which reason he was carried to the election in a chair) could not. After dinner,
 20 my Lord returned to Rycot, but before dinner a commissioner of the Common Shoar was likewise elected in room of Bourne, and the choice fell upon Alderman Wise. 'Tis observable, that formerly such a Bustle never used to be made in the election of assistants.

Tho' Dr. Aldrich (late Dean of Christ Church) forbid any monument to be erected to him, adding that he would not have any, since his father (who is buried in the same place) had not, yet I heard last night, that a very handsome one is put up at Christ Church, to his memory, by Dr. George Clarke, Fellow of All Souls College and that it cost the Dr. an hundred librs. [I have not seen it, but understand since, that the Inscription is very short.]

30 **Dec. 15 (Fri.).** On the 25th of Nov. last, Mrs. Killy Nash, daughter of Mr. William Nash of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, was married to Mr. John Andrews, Butler of Univ. Coll. at Christ Church, by Mr. Glover, one of the chaplains of that College, tho' others say they were not married till Saturday last Dec. 9 and that 'twas done in Merton College Chappell. He hath kept her company many years. She is about 27 years old and an half, and he turned of forty. He hath kept her a good while, her circumstances being mean.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Dec. 4.

40 There is dead at the Hon. Mr. Northey's seat, the Rev. Mr. John Husbands, Fellow of Pembroke College, Oxon. He was preparing for the Press a comparison of the Eastern and Western Poetry, which his friends had seen, and was much admired, as he was himself, for his Learning, Candour, and Ingenuity.

NB. The said Husbands was Master of Arts, and some time ago published a volume of Poems not much taken notice of, tho' he is allowed to have been an ingenious man.

Dec. 14, 1732. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 38) [see Diary, Dec. 25, 26].

Dec. 16 (Sat.). On Wed. last died old Mr. Willet, cryer of the City of Oxford, and Keeper of the Town-Hall there, and was buried last night at St. Aldates, he being of that parish. By both these places he scraped up a great deal of money. He was a shoemaker by Trade, but had given it over many years. He had held these places above 30 years.

From the Northampton Mercury of Mond. Dec. 11:—

London, Dec. 5. We hear from York that on Sunday se'ennight was buried in St. Cuthbert's churchyard in the City, one Elizabeth Holderness, in the 106th year of her age. She carried on her head a pail of milk from Wheldrake, where she was born, to Lambsmill Hill at the time of the siege of 10 York in 1644, when she was near 18 years old.

Bath, Dec. 4. This morning about six o'clock died here (universally regretted by all who had the happiness of his conversation) Dr. William Baker, Bishop of Norwich, in the 64th year of his age. He was consecrated Bishop of Bangor in 1713, and translated to the See of Norwich in 1727. By his death the Rectory of St. Giles's in the Fields, which he held in Commendam, is become vacant, and is in the gift of the Lord Chancellor. He is to be buried in the Abbey Church at Bath, where was buried this day Dr. Holland of the City of Norwich, who died here last Saturday.

Dec. 17 (Sun.). The said Bishop Baker took the degree of M.A. as 20 a member of Wadham College (of which he was Fellow) on May 28, 1692. In the year 1696 he was one of the Head Proctors of the University. After this he became Warden of that College, as I have noted formerly. He was a very personable man, and had been a great Tutor of that College, but was a man of but little learning. And as to his being universally regretted, it seems to be a sneer. He was a great drinker, & of the true whiggish stamp.

Dec. 18 (Mon.). The old Duke of Ormond's picture hath been removed out of the Bodleian Gallery for a good while, and, it seems, 'tis now in the Theater. It was done by the Authority of the Vice-Chancellor 30 and one or two more, and yet Dr. Butler (when he was Vice-Chancellor) told me that nothing could be taken from the Library or Gallery (although not really placed there, as part of the goods of that place) without the unanimous consent of every one of the Curators. But these men exert their authority just as they please, tho' indeed they have not such a power given them of disposing of things without a limitation.

The Princess Louisa entered into the 9th year of her age on the 7th inst. (being born Dec. 7, 1724) and she received the compliments of the nobility and gentry thereupon, who used strange flattery.

Dec. 19 (Tu.). On Saturday last at two Clock in the afternoon died 40 at the Bath Dr. William Bradshaw, Bishop of Bristoll and Dean of Christ Church. He took the degree of M.A. as a member of New College (of which he was Fellow) on Jan. 14, 1700. Afterwards on Aug. 27, 1723,

Dec. 18, 1732. H. to George Bradshaw, a Distiller in Chipping-Wiccomb, Bucks. (Rawl. 28. 132). 'You more than once desired to be a Subscriber to the Book in which I should print the Statutes of Ewelme. The Book (viz. Thomas Otterbourne & John Whethampsted's Chronicles) is now near finished. The price thereof is one Guinea.'

he was made B. and D.D. by Diploma. He had been once a considerable Tutor in that College. He was a man of very low Principles, and a very great drinker, and 'twas excessive drinking that shortened his Life, he being otherwise a strong lusty man. He had been in declining condition a great while. He always lived in celibacy. He printed some time since a sermon upon the 30th of January, which is said by several to have been made not by himself, but by one Mr. Fifeild Allen, M.A. and Student of Christ Church. Some formerly (when he was of New College) characterized him as a Scholar, and particularly, I remember, 10 Dr. Mill spoke well of him for his learning for the Epitaph upon Dr. Traffes, which the Doctor told me was made by this Bradshaw, tho' I should have otherwise thought, that it had been made by Dr. Mill himself, who was much acquainted with Traffes. However, after all, it afterwards appeared that Bradshaw was neither a scholar nor a man of Conduct, tho' great with the Dutchess of Marlborough and other most noted Whiggs, and yet several Whiggs did not much care for him.

This day I wrote to Mr. Benjamin Howell, about Dr. Foulkes's collections relating to the antiquities of Dunstaple, as also to know where Bishop Humphreys's MSS. notes upon that part of Camden relating to 20 Wales are, whether in Dr. Morgan of Ross's hands, or in the hands of Mr. Chancellor Wynne of Hereford.

Yesterday died old M^{rs}. Butler, mother of the wife of the late Mr. Hen. Clements, of London, bookseller, younger brother of Mr. Richard Clements, of Oxford, bookseller, whose father was the late old Mr. Henry Clements, of Oxford, bookseller. She died in St. Peter's parish in the East, Oxford, where she lived after the death of her said son-in-law and her daughter (for she is also dead), and had the care of her two grandsons (now of Magd. College) born of her said daughter, by him the said Hen. Clements deceased. [She was buried at Appleton in Berks., Thur. 30 Dec. 21.]

Dec. 20 (Wed.). Dr. Baker, late Bishop of Norwich, hath left all his estate to his brother the Rev. Mr. Baker, a country clergyman, whom he appointed his executor, excepting a few legacies to his nephews and nieces. This Mr. Baker was of Wadham College and hath many children.

The person that wrote the verses in English upon Mr. (he was not Dr.) Modd of Trinity College Cambridge, whom I have a little while since mentioned, was Walter Titley (not one Cely) Esq., now resident at some foreign Court, & once of Trinity College. The said Modd was a modest, good man, and Vicemaster of Trinity College several years, tho' he was 40 no Doctor; and yet Mr. Thorndike declined taking that Degree, to avoid being chose into that office.

Dec. 21 (Thur.). Mr. Thorndike, in the Preface to his Book, acquits the Church of Rome from the charge of Idolatry. In the body of the book, pag. 277, 283, Dr. Beaumont, Regius Professor of Cambridge, is charged with holding a Corporal Presence in the Sacrament, a charge he can hardly clear himself off, without a *Poetica Licentia*, for it is in a poem, viz. his *Psyche*. Whether the offensive Stanzas be altered in the second posthumous edition, I have not observed (says Mr. Baker in his letter to me from Cambridge Dec. 10, 1732). They run high enough in the first.

Dec. 22 (Fri.). Doctor Lewis Atterbury, I am told, left by will a collection of pamphlets to Christ Church Library, but with this express condition that every one of them be kept together, and that a catalogue of them be printed. I hear they are accepted with that condition, and that they have them now at Christ Church.

Mr. Bradley, who wrote of Gardening, was once at my room, and talked of writing about a Roman Pavement in Gloucestershire, but I perceived him to be little or nothing at all versed in Antiquities, but an indulger of his Fancy, just like Dr. Stuckley. And 'tis certain that this Bradley was a vain man, and great Projector. He had undertaken for a Physic 10 Garden in the University of Cambridge upon imaginary grounds, only to supply his wants, and yet had Art enough to impose upon some, that were too credulous.

Dec. 23 (Sat.). In vol. 5 of these Remarks, is mention made of Dr. Godden. Mr. Baker hath been told, that his true name was Tilden, & that he was of Trinity College in Cambridge, and yet he cannot meet with his name at that College, tho' he hath a pretty complete catalogue both of the Fellows and Scholars there. He dedicates his book to Queen Catharine. Thomas Firmyn was of no College.

Dr. William Baker, late Bishop of Norwich, tho' a great drinker, was 20 grown so miserably covetous and sordid at last, as not to allow himself hardly necessities.

Dec. 24 (Sun.). Dr. Morgan of Rosse was instituted into the Rectory of Llanddyfnau, in the Isle of Anglesey (which his father had before him) on Nov. 6, 1701, then void by the resignation of Bishop Humphreys, who presented him to it. Bishop Evans &c. since this had it *in commendam*. See Rowland's *Mona Antiqua Restaur.*, p. 365.

Dr. Tanner says, he hath some long Letters of Mr. Edw. Lhwyd's, giving an account of Wales, with sketches of some things. He (the Dr.) speaks of a Copy of the *Monasticon Angl.* with some verses before the 30 1st Volume thereof of Mr. Sampson Erdswick the Antiquarie's, done in Chaucer's way, which pleased him much. The Dr. never saw but one Copy with these verses. I think I have seen these verses by themselves, both printed and written.

Dec. 25 (Mon.). The *Notitia Monastica* places Penmon or Glannach, a Priory of Black Canons dedicated to St. Mary, in *Caernarvonshire*. I know not whether it be not a mistake for *Anglesey*. For Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. told me on the 14th that about 3 miles from Beaumaris, and upon the coast, is a place called Penmon, belonging to Lord Bulkeley, which had been once a religious house, and that some ruins thereof yet 40 remain. Quære, what writings Lord Bulkeley hath belonging to it. It was valued at the Dissolution at 40*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* ob. per annum. The *Notitia* refers us to the *Mon. Angl.* tom. 2, p. 338. Speed makes it to be in Bangor Diocese, but does not tell the county.

Dec. 26 (Tu.). The *Notitia Monastica* places Siriolis a Priory, rated according to Speed (from which the *Notitia* took it) at 47*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* per

Dec. 26, 1732. H. to Beaupré Bell (Rawl. 27 B. 137). The copy of

annum in Caernarvonshire. Rowlands in his *Mona Antiqua Illustrata*, p. 189 mentions Siriol Chappel among the churches in Anglesey, saying that Penmon Church, Seiriol Chappel in the Island &c. were built in 630. Mr. Loveday told me on the 14th that there is a small Island in the sea, just off Penmon, called Preston Island, on which are the ruins of a church tower. He thinks this to be the Island mentioned in Rowlands, and begins to imagine that Siriolis Priory should be placed there. To ask Dr. Tanner about this and the former particular.

Dec. 27 (Wed.). Last Christmas day (being Monday) preached 10 before the University at Christ Church Dr. Thomas Terry, Canon of that College, but the Sermon did not begin 'till eleven clock that morning, and so 'twas appointed to be by the Vice-Chancellour, and accordingly that hour (that people might not be deceived) was specified in the Bills, that were put up. 'Tis the first instance of the Sermon being before the Univ. that hour on Christmas day. The reason given was Sermon in College Chappells. This reason might also have been given formerly. But the true reason is, that people might lye in bed the longer. They used formerly to begin in Chappells an hour sooner, and then they were ready for the University Sermon. The same reason, viz. lying a-bed the longer, 20 hath made them in almost all places in the University alter the hours of prayers on other days, and the hour of dinner (which used to be eleven a Clock) in almost every place (Christ Church must be excepted) in the University; which ancient discipline & Learning & Piety strangely decay.

Dec. 28 (Thur.). Yesterday called upon me in the Forenoon & staid a good while, Sir Justinian Isham, with his brother Mr. Euseby Isham, rector of Lincoln College. Sir Justinian Isham told me that Eliza Isham, mentioned in the second volume of Leland's Itinerary to have been a Benefactress to Sandford Church near Oxford, is probably the same

Hemingford was sent to London on Feb. 29th last. It was sent to the house of Mr. Vandenhoeck, but as they would not receive it, it was taken back to the Oxford Arms in Warwick Lane. It has recently been sent to Mr. Vandenhoeck again, but H. does not know whether they have received it. Asks that B.'s friend shall be asked to call for the book both at Mr. Vandenhoeck's and at the Oxford Arms. 'Tis pity you had not sent for it presently after you had notice of it's being sent to London.' [See Feb. 1, 1733.]

Dec. 28, 1732. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 173). 'I can easily guess what you mean by a Collector of the Town & Tradesmen's farthings, and must own myself at a loss for what use they are intended. However he is indefatigable in the pursuit and hath prevailed on his friends here to write to most of their correspondents in the North & West of England to supply his deficiencies. I doubt not but Dr. Rawlinson hath transmitted to you his last doughty Excescence in print, which is Dr. Williams Notes on Archbishop Laud's speech in the Star Chamber against Prynne, Bastwick & Burton. They are virulent & trifling. Here is a fresh talk of a Design of printing Domesday book verbatim. If it can be brought to bear, I hope it will fall to your share to be the Publisher from whom the world may be assured of fidelity & punctuality.'

Dec. 28, 1732. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 32). Sends a note of money subscribed to University College by Abraham Woodhead and Obadiah Walker in the years 1666-1675.

with Elizabeth Isham that was wife of John Isham Esq., son of Sir Euseby Isham of Pichley in Northamptonshire, who was daughter of one of the Dunches of Little Witnam in Berks. See p. 64 of the 1st volume of a book called *Ashmole's Antiquities of Berkshire*. Her epitaph mentions her as a wise, prudent Woman. What she did for Sandford Church was in the year 1652.

Dec. 29 (Fri.). Yesterday morning died of the Gowt in the Head and Stomach, having never had the Gowt before, Mrs. Bobart, wife of Mr. Tillemont Bobart, brother of the late Mr. Jacob Bobart, keeper of the Physick Garden in Oxford. She died at her Husband's house ¹⁰ in Holywell Oxford, aged about 78. She had been formerly wife of old John Hall, the printer, who had no children by her; but leaving her a widow, she married the said Tillemont Bobart, at that time gardiner to the Duke and Dutchess of Marlborough at Woodstock. This Tillemont Bobart had no child by her. John Hall left her rich, he having great opportunities of scraping up money at the Printing House, and she being also a notable woman in worldly affairs, was nothing behind him in improving her time in the arts of gaining wealth, it being very notorious that 'twas a common practice with them, to cheat at the Printing House, where they executed the office of Warehouse Keepers, and even that ²⁰ too of Architypography, whilst the proper Architypographus (the Superior Beadle of Law) was excluded, & not permitted to have any share in it by the Delegates, notwithstanding elected by Convocation. [She was buried in St. Marie's church Oxford, by her first Husband, Saturday night, Dec. 30.]

Dec. 30 (Sat.). Our accounts in the prints from Dublin, of the 12th inst., tell us that they write from Lisnasken, that on Thursday before, being Dec. 7, died there, aged one hundred and forty, William Leland gent. Some time before his death, he delivered to several gentlemen in that country the following account:—that he was born in Warrington, a town ³⁰ in England, in 1593; that he perfectly remembered the Coronation of King James I, which happened in 1602; that he lived in Warrington 'till about the year 1664, and then came to this Kingdom, and has lived ever since in good Credit; and what is most to be admired, he was never sick, or lost his sight, limbs, or stomach, till the Hour of his death. He was prodigious tall and big-boned.

On Wednesday last one Holloway undertook for an inconsiderable Wager, to walk (or run, as he pleased) from Oxford (to set out at nine Clock in the morning) to Benson, nine miles from Oxford, in the space of two houres. But it being a dismal wet day, and he having drank ⁴⁰ a pretty deal of brandy, which he drank also on the road, he dropt a little before he reacht Benson, otherwise (he being about 25 years or 26 years of age and lusty) he might have done it with ease. I myself some years since, when I was older than he, walked from Dorchester to Oxford, which is seven miles, being under no manner of constraint, it being only an

Dec. 28, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 104) [*see* Diary, Jan. 1, 2, 3]. 'As to Dr. Tanner's performance, I am very much of your opinion. I shall be very willing to find myself mistaken.'

ordinary walk, in just one hour and a quarter, as I have walkt from Neunham Lock to Oxford, which is five miles, in the same ordinary manner of walking, without any constraint, in three quarters of an hour.

Dec. 31 (Sun.). The Prints tell us of Dr. Bradshaw's, Bishop of Bristol's death at the Bath, adding that he was withall Dean of Christ Church, and formerly Fellow of New College, where he had the education of several young noblemen and gentlemen of the first rank and quality in England, most of whom, at this time, make a shining figure in both Houses of Parliament, and that from New College, by the favour of his late
 10 Majesty, he was made Prebendary of Canterbury, and from thence translated to Christ Church, where he held a canonry for one year, and was then appointed Bishop of Bristol, and Dean of the said Church. Thus these puritanical writers say what they can of him, tho' at the same time they have not the effrontery to cry him up for his Learning, Probity or Morals, well knowing, that he had neither.

Jan. 1 (Mon.). Letters from the North Riding of Yorkshire mention the death of one William Overan, a cooper of Hustchwit, a village near Black Hamilton in that county, aged 104. He retained all his senses
 20 perfect to the last, worked at his business, and could read any thing without spectacles. What is remarkable is, that a woman (who was baptized the same day with him, at Helmsley Blackmore church) died that day was twelve months, aged 103. This is the account we have in the Prints.

W. Titley Esq. (Author of the English verses I have formerly mentioned, upon Mr. Modd) was late fellow of Trinity College Cambridge; being now Resident in Denmark, he has resigned his fellowship there, where he bore a fair character of an ingenious man & bright parts. The verses I spoke of were, as Mr. Baker presumes, made upon occasion of Mr. Modd's funeral, it being usual for the scholars to adorn the herse with their poetry, & as they never fail to extoll their hero, beyond the
 30 truth, so I presume, with Mr. Baker, he may have done the same for Mr. Modd, who truly was a plain, honest, good man; but history is not to be taken from Elogies and Epitaphs, which are often (especially nowadays) very extravagant in commendation, and therefore of little use. It is better they were laid aside, and nothing said but the Titles and the age and time of death.

Jan. 2 (Tu.). Mr. Baker very much doubts whether Dr. Whytford were of Oxford, notwithstanding Mr. Wood hath given him a place there. He was Fellow of Queen's College Cambridge and never of any other College or University, that Mr. Baker knows of. Mr. Baker gave Dr.
 40 Knight a large account of him from the Register at Queen's College, which I think he has printed in the Life of Erasmus, too long to be inserted here. I cannot guess, what authority Mr. Wood had for making him to have been for some time of Oxford, unless he were told so by some Roman Catholick, or found a private note of it in some book, that he had seen among those of that denomination. For my part, I was well acquainted with Charles

Fyston of East Hendred, Esq., who had more than one book of this Whytford's (Mr. Eyston having an extraordinary veneration for his memory) yet I never saw any thing in them, that he was an Oxford man, tho' Mr. Eyston had that regard for Mr. Wood's authority, as not to question it. As Erasmus resided for some time in St. Marie College in Oxford, perhaps his acquaintance Dr. Whytford might likewise now and then come to him thither and stay a few days at a time there, and this might induce Mr. Wood to place Whytford among the Oxonians, as the reason of Erasmus's being resident there for some time, made him also mention him as an Oxford writer.

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The present Bishop of London, Mr. Edmund Gibson (he is no University Dr.) hath a son at Christ Church, a wretched, debauched, wild spark. The Bishop himself was, when young, viciously inclined.

Jan. 3 (Wed). The three first books of the *Imitation of Christ &c.* were translated from the Latin by Dr. William Atkinson, at the specyalle request & commandment of the full excellent Princess Margaret &c. under the name of Gerson, printed Lond: by Rycharde Pynson an. 1503, 4^{to}. The fourth *Booke translated from the French by the said Princesse* was printed by Pynson, an. 1504. 4^{to}. Dr. William Atkinson, a Yorkshire man, was Fellow of Pembroke Hall Cambridge, and a Benefactor to that College. This I mention on account of what I said formerly (I think in vol. 17) from Mr. More's life of Sir Thomas More, concerning another person, different from the Countess, being the Translator, which other person was Dr. Richard Whytforde. But Mr. More may possibly be mistaken. The Book could hardly be translated, at least not published at the same time, by two hands, when printing was not common, especially where the King's mother was concerned in the Translation.

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Jan. 4 (Thur.). Memorandum that Dr. Conybeare, Rector of Exeter College, bought some time since, of Mr. James Fletcher in the Turle, 30 Oxford, bookseller, an old large English Bible interleaved, and another Latin one, both with very large and copious MS. notes of the learned Mr. Thomas Gataker, which, without doubt he frequently makes use of, and perhaps too he used them in a sermon he hath printed, stiled *Scripture Difficulties considered*, preached in the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Exon, at a meeting of the gentlemen educated at the Free School there.

We learn from the Prints that on Sat. morning Dec. 23 last, about two, died at London the most Noble Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, hereditary Earl Marshal of England and premier Duke next the Blood 40 Royal. He married Mary, daughter and sole heir of Sir Nicholas Sherburn, but left no Issue, so that the honours and great estate descend to his elder [*sic*] brother, Edward Lord Howard, now Duke of Norfolk. He hath left to all his servants, who had 10 l. a year and upwards, a year's wages and mourning; and to those who had under 10 l. a year, two years

Jan. 3, 1733. John Worthington to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 258) [*see* Diary, May 2].

wages and mourning, besides charitable legacies to several poor families, to whose maintenance his Grace in his life time did largely contribute.

Jan. 5 (Fri.). The corpse of the late Bishop of Bristol, Dr. William Bradshaw, was interred on Friday, Dec. 22 in a private manner in the Cathedral of Bristol.

Julian Johnson (as I remember) used to say that King William III had *a travelling religion*, which coming from such a Republican, may justify those that use to say that the said King William had no religion at all.

Archbishop Wake's folio book of the *State of the Church*, cost him 10 prodigious pains, and probably broke his constitution, which is now very much shattered. That book Mr. Baker hath of his gift, with a large Appendix of original papers, copied in his own hand, which Mr. Baker puts a great value upon. It was then he made his collection towards the Councils, now in Dr. Wilkin's hands.

Jan. 6 (Sat.). Whereas Mr. Anstis, Garter King of Arms, told me that Bishop Foxe's will is in the Register at Winton, I am apt to think it is a mistake, all Bishops wills being proved and entred in the Prerogative. I have been fully enformed that 'tis among Mr. Fulman's papers at Corpus Christi College, but whence Mr. Fulman had it, I have 20 not yet had an opportunity of being informed.

Dr. Morgan, Master of Clare Hall, was on Nov. 4 last elected Vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge. He was Chaplain to the late Dr. Moore, first Bishop of Norwich and afterwards of Ely, and is altogether in his Principles, and so Mr. Baker believes they shall be in a long succession.

I am well assured that there is an epistolary correspondence settled and carried on in a very friendly manner, between the said Dr. Morgan and our present Vicechancellour of Oxford, Dr. Holmes, President of St. John's College, and that the subject of it is chiefly with relation 30 to the affairs of each University. Dr. Holmes is looked upon as high in his Principles.

Jan. 7 (Sun.). Mr. Mackenzie, a gentleman whose writings and integrity are well known to many, was recommended to me by Letter of Oct. 29, 1729, written by Walter Pryse Esq. The Gentleman came with the Letter to Oxford, but I never saw him, nor was the Letter delivered to me till Nov. 13, when one of Balliol College brought it.

[The inscription of Gabriel Goodman, S. T. P., ob. June 17, 1601; from the church of Ruthin, Denbighshire.]

There is also a monument for him in Westminster, but neither tells us 40 where he was buried, tho' probably in Westminster Abbey, where the Epitaph is more full than that at Ruthin and gives us his age, ending thus, *aetatis suae LXXIII*, as may be seen in such as have collected the monuments there, tho' omitted in Camden's *Reges, Regine, nobiles &c.* of the Ed. 1603.

Jan. 8 (Mon.). My friend Mr. William Bedford, eldest son of my late friend Mr. Hilkieah Bedford, being now settled in London pretty

near the center of his acquaintance, is endeavouring to get into the practise of Physick, which is his main view at present. He hath no degree (but by the courtesy of England) upon account of his being a Nonjuror.

Mr. Bedford was some time ago at Leyden, for the sake of improving himself in the Faculty of Physick.

This morning (about six a Clock) Mrs. Eliz. Shepherd, the wife of Mr. John Shepherd, victualler, of St. Peter's Parish in the East, Oxford, was brought abed of a boy. [It was soon after baptized by the name of John & died on Jan. 29 following.]

Jan. 9 (Tu.). Mr. Wood, in Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon. l. 1, p. 56, 19 quotes Anon. MS. in Bib. Coll. Magd. Oxon. de gestis & ritibus Cler. *Cambrensis*. I cannot guess what MS. this should be (notwithstanding I have looked over their historical MSS. such as seemed most remarkable) unless it be something of Gyraldus Cambrensis.

Last night, about ten Clock, died Mr. Thomas Beauchamp, a currier of St. Peter's in the East. He died a Batchelor. He was forty two years of age. He was a very industrious man, but grasped at too much business, undertaking, besides his own trade, abundance of other affairs, the thinking upon which broke his natural rest, so that sometimes (nay often) he would never go to bed, but sit up in a chair, and at other times 20 when in bed he only slumbered for the most part, which method (irregular and unnatural as it was) brought a great cold upon him, which turned to a dropsy, and that to a mortification, so that he died in great misery, but he said that the original of his cold (which hung upon him long) was chiefly owing to damp sheets, he lay in at Woodstock, about a year ago. He was a strong, lusty, fresh-coloured man, and honest & willing to do any neighbourly office.

Jan. 10 (Wed.). Mr. Benj. Howell tells me, in a Letter from Stagenhoo, near Hitchin, of the 2nd inst., that he has had access to Sir Thomas Sebright's library, where he found an Hesychius with some 30 marginal written notes & observations, collected by a man of Learning and Judgment, but there is no mention of his name. No doubt, however, but 'tis the same book I mentioned to Mr. Howell, as having MSS. notes of Dr. Ger. Langbaine, which Mr. Badger (out of whose study it came to Sir Thomas) had. The Edition set down in the end of the book is, as Mr. Howell tells me, in the following manner:—*Florentiae per haeredes Philippi Juntae anno domini MDXX quinto, Idus Augusti, Leone X pont. max.* The Author of these MSS. notes quotes several authors, mostly Eustathius, together with Plutarch, Suidas, Aristophanes &c., his observations consisting in correcting the errors 40 of this edition, and improving it with new additions and illustrating places from other authors.

Dr. Langbaine (for, as I said, he was the Author, as I take it) could not use any MS. to correct the printed book, because we do not know of any MS., the only one that the first edition by Aldus printed from, being destroyed, and that by Aldus himself, least his work should be examined with the MS. There is the greater pity that the MS. is lost, because Hesychius is a Treasure of the Greek Tongue, and the printed books are full of Corruptions.

Jan. 11 (Thur.). Last night was buried, between four and five Clock, in St. Peter's Churchyard in the East, Mr. Thomas Beauchamp in a decent manner, a vast number of people being present. He lyes by his Father and Mother. He was so very diligent in his business (which was of a great extent) that he told one lately, that not long agoe he had not been above six hours, either night or day, from a horse's back for a whole week together, so that he slept on Horseback, which was common with him.

We understand by the printed Papers, that on Monday morning, 30 being the 1st inst., the corpse of the Duke of Norfolk was carried from his house in St. James's square to Arundel in Sussex to be interred there amongst his noble Ancestors. He ordered by his will that 200 l. should be distributed amongst the Poor of the parish of St. James's, one shilling to each person, either Protestant or Papist, without distinction; which was accordingly done, at his House in St. James's Square. He has also left 300l. to be distributed amongst the Poor belonging to the Romish Chapel in Lincoln's Inn Fields, and 200l. to those of the Romish Chapel in Warwick Street.

Jan. 12 (Fri.). The Prints tell us that the Rev. Dr. Butts, Dean of 30 Norwich, is made Bishop of Norwich, in the room of the late Dr. Baker, deceased; that the Rev. Dr. (so he is stiled, tho' I think he took the degree of Bach. of Civil Law of Christ Church, of which House he had been Gentleman Commoner) Cecil, rector of Hatfield in Hartfordshire (a near relation of the Earl of Salisbury) is made Bishop of Bristol, in the room of Dr. Bradshaw, deceased; and that the Rev. Dr. Conybeare is made Dean of Christ Church, in the room also of Dr. Bradshaw, deceased.

Dr. Robert Morgan assisted Browne Willis in his Survey of Hereford Cathedral. He is canon of Hereford. He was collated by Bishop Humphreys to the Prebend of Cublington in that Church on Sept. 3, 30 1702. The Rectory of Rosse (of which Dr. Morgan is rector) is in the Bishop of Hereford's gift. See Willis's Survey of Cathedrals 4^{to} Vol. I, pref. p. vi, p. 564, 565, 614. See Caius Vol. II, p. 638.

Mr. Loveday was told by a Gentleman in Wales that, in all probability, Chancellor Wynne of Hereford has some MSS. papers of Bishop Humphreys.

Jan. 13 (Sat.). Mr. Benjamin Howell, in his letter from Stagenhoo near Hitchin of the 2nd inst. tells me that he believes Bishop Humphreys's papers are in the hands of Dr. Edward Wynne, chancellor of Hereford, and that Dr. William Foulks's papers relating to Dunstable 40 are in the possession of Mrs. Foulks (the Dr.'s widow) adding that I may find out in Jesus College how to direct to her.

This day from 12 Clock till one stood in the pillory at Oxford one Bubb & one Moll Wells, two wretched persons, for forging a letter,

Jan. 11, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 73). 'I thank you for Sir Thomas Gresham's will. Before I opened it, I guessed it might have been Dr. Williams's trifling notes against Archbishop Laud, which I was told that you have published; a little before which I was also told, that a very great part of your late Auction was all sold at one lump. I heard also a little while ago, that you have published the XXXIX Articles. . . . I hope your Auction brought you a good sum of money.'

without her privity, under the name of a young woman to one Mr. Griffiths, a clergyman, of Magdalen College under pretence of her (the young woman's) being in want of money, and desiring relief of him, as having lain with her and debauched her, but after all, when the matter was sifted and examined, the young woman made oath she did not know Mr. Griffyth, who was with her upon this occasion face to face, and that she knew nothing of the letter, but that 'twas done and wrote wholly without her knowledge. They were both pelted with dirt &c., but pretty favourably.

Jan. 14 (Sun.). On pag. 23 of n. 800 among the 8^{vos} of another 10 part of Thomas Rawlinson's study, printed this year 1732, and begun to be sold by auction on Mond. Nov. 13 last, is *Articuli, de quibus in synodo Londinensi MDLXII convenit inter archiepiscopos et episcopos ulriusque Provinciae. Lond. 1563*. In this edition is the controverted passage of the xxth article on the power of the Church. Dr. Rawlinson hath reprinted this Edition, without telling that 'tis a new Impression, at which several are offended, thinking that 'twill do mischief, and make the true edition be suspected likewise, as a new forgery, on purpose the better to support the clause, which some will therefore say was not in the original edition, but that an edition was hatched as printed in 1563 with the clause, 20 whereas they will add, 'tis nothing but a trick, & to prove it they will cite this Impression of Dr. Rawlinson's, done this very year 1732, tho' there be not the least note added, to signify it to be a new edition, the old date standing just as it did as if printed anno 1563.

Jan. 15 (Mon.). On pag. 23 also of the foresaid Catalogue, num. 801, among the Quartos is mentioned Archbishop Laud's speech in the Star Chamber, at the censure of Bastwick, Burton and Prynne, Lond. 1637. *NB. to this Copy (so in the Catalogue) are added the marginal notes of Dr. Williams, archbishop of York, copied by Sir Peter Pett, from the original MS. now probably lost, as appears by a written note at the end, 30 of which some few copies are printed.*

NB. The said notes were printed or published by Dr. Rawlinson himself, as he acknowledged in a Letter, written with his own hand, to Mr. Nathaniel Crynes, at the same time owning withall that he got the XXXIX Articles reprinted, which he said, as I remember, he had done *verbatim, literalim, punctuatim ac paginatim*. Mr. Crynes told me this on Tuesday Jan. 10 last, at which time he shewed me the Doctor's Letter.

Jan. 16 (Tu.). Leland in his Itin. Vol. VII, p. 43, maketh mention of M. Moore of S. Caterine's Haul in Cambridge. Quære, what relation there was between him and Mr. John Moore of Christ's Coll., author of 40 the Chronology.

My friend the Rev. Mr. Thomas Allen, rector of Murston and Kingsdowne near Sittingbourne in Kent, dyed at his parsonage house of Murston, on Sunday the 17th day of December last, at 5 in the afternoon, of shortness of breath, after 3 days confinement, in the 71st year of his age. He made his will about 12 hours before he died, being sensible to the last. He hath left 300*l.* to build a parsonage house

Jan. 16, 1732. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 90) [see Diary, Feb. 2].

at Kingsdown and 10*l.* per ann. to help to maintain a Scholar at University College (of which himself has been fellow) of the name Allen, Hooper, Gyles, or Meredith, for 10 years together. He was buried at Kingsdowne on Wednesday the 20th of December, in a vault belonging to his Ancestors, some of whom (particularly Colonel Finch his Unkle) signalized themselves in the wars in Oliver Cromwell's time, as appears by a certificate, signed by Cromwell, and found amongst Mr. Allen's papers. He had enjoyed the said Livings about 22 years. The former (viz. Murston) is worth near 300*l.* per annum, the latter (viz. Kingsdowne) 10 about 60*l.* His Executor is Mr. Walter Hooper, who observes that Mr. Allen dyed by a gentle decay in nature. This Mr. Allen was a very charitable, generous, honest man, and was continually giving away in his life time. He gave fifty libs. to Univ. College in the year 1730. He printed several little poetical things in English, one of which (in four sheets in folio, printed at Lond. 1728) he intitles *Iterculum Cantio-Cestriense, or a Trip from Kent to Chester*. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Univ. Coll. on June 15, 1689.

Jan. 17 (Wed.). Yesterday one John Webb, by trade a pitcher or pavier of the streets, was elected by a great Majority (there being a vast 20 meeting) one of the Alms men of St. Bartholomew's Hospital near Oxford, and a Peal was rung (a short but handsome one) at St. Peter's in the East, of which he is a parishioner, which is the first time that a peal is known to have been rung upon such an occasion.

One day last week died at London (where he was curate of White Chappel to Dr. Robert Shippen) Mr. Charles Huxley, Fellow of Brasen-nose College. He is said to be a sober man, & to have dyed with drinking tea, which he would always use, even after the greatest fatigue whatever, instead of wine or ale.

The *Principale Legatum*, mentioned in the institution of the vicarage of 30 Little Houghton in Northamptonshire (which institution I have printed in my Preface to Otterbourne) as limited by the Act of Henry VIII, still continues, but the *Alteragium* is quite sunk. Mr. Edward Lye, vicar thereof, knows not when the church was built, neither can he tell where to make an enquiry about it.

Mr. Rawlings hath a little 4^{to} MS. (which I have transcribed, he having lent it me) concerning the Musterings and other things at Oxford in 1642 and 1643. No name is to it, but I take it, by the handwriting, to be Mr. Bryan Twyne's. I compared the hand with Twyne's hand in *Godwyn de praesulibus*, & in his account of the chancellors of Oxford in the 40 Museum Ashmol. on Jan. 15 and found the hands to agree.

Jan. 18 (Thur.). In a letter I wrote today to Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies, in Dover Street, Westminster, I took notice that the late Mr. Tyrrell made use of the MS. from whence in Otterbourne I have printed a piece of John Whethamstede's, but whether Mr. Tyrrell extracted anything from it I told him I know not, that part of Mr. Tyrrell's

Jan. 18, 1733. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. 27 B: 20) [see Diary, Feb. 19, where H. writes Scotland instead of Leland, in the original; also Feb. 20, 21, 24]. 'You would have just reason to be angry for my not returning you an earlier

history being not printed. I think Col. Tyrrell hath his father Mr. Tyrrell's MS. Mr. Tyrrell used to give an account of his authors, but whether he drew up such an account for his imprinted volume is uncertain. Sir Clement hath interest in Col. Tyrrell, and probably can by that means have access to Mr. Tyrrell's MS. in which, as I remember (for he shewed me that part, some of which he wrote here in my room) is an answer to what Dr. Hickes had said against him in *Thesaurus Linguarum Veterum Septentrionalium*.

Jan. 19 (Fri.). It is a tradition that Margaret, Countess of Richmond, erected the building over St. Winifred's well at Holywell in Flintshire, and that the workmen were the same that built King Henry VIIth's chappell at Westminster, who also (they tell you) built Wrexham Tower according to Willis's Survey of St. Asaph p. 73. Wrexham Tower was built in 1507 and according to Hollingshed, the first stone of Hen. VIIth's chappell was laid in 1502-3; see Vol. II. p. 1457.

Bishop Fleetwood (see p. 18 and 30 of his book on St. Winifrid) knew not who was the Publisher of the Life and Miracles of St. Winifrid in 1712. Mr. Loveday was informed, when he was at Holywell that it was one Clayton, who lived in the town of Holywell, but went by the name of Metcalfe.

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Jan. 20 (Sat.). The site of Basingwerk Abbey, half a mile from Holywell, belongs to Sir George Mostyn, baronet, a Catholic. Quaere, whether he be any way related to Sir Roger Mostyn, and whether he hath any writings (as without doubt he must have) relating to that Abbey.

Jan. 21 (Sun.). In the Church of Mould in Flintshire, against the south wall of the south Isle, is a monument, with a Latin Inscription (the arms at top) for Robert Davies Esq. of Gwyssaney in the parish of Mould, only son of Robert, son also of Robert, son of John, son of David. He married Anne, daughter & heiress of Sir Peter Mutton kt. of Llannerch [& steward of the Bp. of St. Asaph's courts; see Willis's Survey of St. Asaph Cath. p. 131]. He dyed in 1666. And for Mutton Davies Esq. their eldest son, who married Elizabeth, the only daughter of Sir Thomas Wilbraham, bart., of Woodhey in Cheshire. He died in 1684.

[Inscriptions for Robert Davies, Esq., son of Mutton Davies, who died July 8, 1710, aged 52, and Robert his son, who died May 22, 1728; from Mr. Loveday.]

answer to your Quaere out of the MS. in the College of Arms, if I had been in town & thereby capacitated to inspect it; for as far as I am able to judge, no one of our Officers is able to read the book.'

Jan. 21, 1732. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 74). Hears in a letter of Jan. 16 that R. has had good fortune; H. does not know what it can be unless it is matrimony or an estate. Would like to hear more. Sends congratulations.

c. Jan. 21, 1732. Richard Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 165). 'By your of the 11th current I find you received my parcel, but are very much misinformed as to my having published either Archbishop William's notes or the Articles. The difference between printing a few for friends and dispersing or making them public is very wide; and as to the reason upon which they have been printed, the sentiments of people here may innocently differ from

Jan. 22 (Mon.). The Collegiate Church at Manchester; in St. John Baptist's chappell on the north side of the church, is a brass-plate on Major John Byron, a faithful soldier and loyal subject to Charles I & II. He died in March, 1677, aet. 59 [Mr. Loveday].

Quaere about him. He was different from Sir John Byron.

The Church of Cartmel in Lancashire belonged to a Priory. Under an Arch in the north wall of the Chancel is a Stone, on which has been a large brass Crucifix, and still is legible this inscription in such ancient capitals as are those on R. de Herclond at Wolhampton in Berkshire:—
10 *Hic jacet frater Wilelmus de Waltona Prior de Kertmel.*

In this church is also a monument for Robert Rawlinson Esq., a most learned and honest counsellor-at-law of Cark-hall in Cartmel & of Gray's Inn, a great sufferer for his Loyalty to King Charles I. He dyed Oct. 21, 1665, aet. 55. On the floor of the middle Isle is a stone, which has in old characters:—*Hic Deum adora* [Mr. Loveday].

Jan. 23 (Tu.). On the inside of Wrexham Tower is wrote:—*This steeple was finished 1506.* This corrects Willis in his Survey of St. Asaph p. 73 [Mr. Loveday].

Gresford Church in Denbighshire. Against a north pillar of the nave
20 is a monument with a Latin inscription on Col. John Robinson, a cavalier & sufferer for the cause who dyed in 1680, Mar. 15, aged 65 years, having 2 sons & 2 daughters by Margaret, daughter of Edward Morris Esq., of Speak in Lancashire [Mr. Loveday].

At Piddington in Oxfordshire lives one Farmer Stephens, an honest Catholick, who rents Muswell, where there was an Hermitage, having a lease thereof. He very lately (about a fortnight since) told me that he hath writings relating to it, but I believe his writings do not illustrate the first antiquities of the Place.

Jan. 24 (Wed.). In Thames Street Oxford lives one Mr. Wildgoose
30 a butcher by trade, but he commonly follows the trade of making paper boxes, a man who hath a genius to astrology, in which he hath skill, and he is a great admirer of George Parker's Ephemerides, as well as of the things put out by William Lilly, John Gadbury &c. He was born Dec. 28, 1656.

Kendal in Westmoreland. In this Church is a monument for Thomas Sandes Esq., *singularis literarum patronus*, who dyed Aug. 22, 1681, aet. 75. Against the East wall and north of the Altar is a monument for Michael Stamford, represented as a second Hooker and *Fanaticorum Malleus*. He dyed on the 5th of the Nones of March, 1682, aet. 48 and
40 in the 10th year of his ministry in this place. A monument also for Sir Augustine Nicolls, knt., of Faxton in Northamptonshire, Justice of the

yours. It seems to me, dear Sir, somewhat extraordinary that you should harbour those unkind notions I perceive in your letter in my disfavour, as some of your informants seem desirous to misrepresent me, for their own benefit, but *cui bono* is all this? I am not laying schemes to captivate any one's favour; as my conduct has been ever different, it may be crowned with success. How false it is that a great part of my last auction was sold at once, let the prized Catalogue with Mr. Crynes demonstrate.' [See Diary, Jan. 28.]

Common Pleas and Keeper of the Great Seal to Prince Charles. He dyed here upon Circuit, Aug. 30, 1616, aet. 57. The Epitaph gives him a very great Character. [Mr. Loveday, Jan. 18, 1732.]

Jan. 25 (Thur.).

[A long epitaph of Sir Thomas Powys son of Thomas Powys, of Henley, Salop, Serjeant-at-law; died Apr. 4, 1719, aged 70. Also of his eldest son, Thomas Powys Esq., of Silford, who died Mar. 3, 1748, aged 32.]

The author of the said inscription or epitaph was Matthew Prior Esq.

Jan. 26 (Fri.). To ask Mr. Brome, or some one else, about a person of great charity, called, *The Man of Ross*. Tho' he had but five hundred 10 pounds per annum, yet he did wonders, but without the least ostentation. He was called *The Man of Ross* by way of Eminence; tho' his true name was Mr. John Kyrle, which was almost lost, partly by the other and partly by his being buried without any inscription. He died in the year 1724, aged near 90, and lies buried in the Chancel of the Church of Ross in Herefordshire. Among his other great charities, he built there an Alms-House, and the Church and Spire of Ross. See a poem, price 1s. of four sheets, by Mr. Pope, intit. *Of the tye of Riches, an Epistle to the Right Hon. Allen Lord Bathurst*, pr. at London, 1732, fol.

Jan. 27 (Sat.). On Monday the 8th inst., the Prints tell us, died of 20 a dropsy, Christopher Rawlinson of Chark Hall in the parish of Cartmell in Lancashire, Esq., after two days extreme illness, and taking a purge, at his Lodgings in Holbourn Row, Lincolns-Inn Fields. A foul draught of a will, all wrote by his own hand and signed by himself, was found, in which he left Dr. Richard Rawlinson all his real and great part of his personal estate, to a considerable value; but the original is not yet found. In this he left instructions to be buried in the Abbey Church of St. Alban's, to whose repair he leaves 100*l.*, another 100*l.* is limited for the expences of his funeral; his body to be wrapt in a coffin of sheet lead, that to be inclosed in one of Heart of Oak, covered with red Leather; 30 and 200*l.* for a monument, to be made by Mr. Woodman, a free-mason in Holbourn. He was formerly a Gentleman Commoner of Queen's College in Oxford, where he was educated under the celebrated Mr. Thwaites; under whom he improved himself so much in polite Learning, as also in the Saxon Tongue, that in the latter he published, in a most beautiful manner, at his own expence, King Alfred's Translation of *Boetius de Consolatione Philosophiae*; for which, and his skill in the northern languages, he was much esteemed by that excellent judge of learning and learned men, the late pious and very reverend Dr. George Hickes.

Jan. 25, 1738. H. to Benjamin Howell (Rawl. 7. 69). Thanks for his letter of Jan. 10. Does not doubt that the notes are Langbaine's [see Diary, Jan. 10]. Asks that Sir Thomas Sebright may be told that Trokelowe, Caius and Hemingford are ready for him, if he will say where they are to be sent.

Jan. 25, 1738. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 75). 'As for your printing the Articles and Williams, all I knew thereof was from others, and I was far from harbouring unkind notions as you seem to surmise. Since you printed both only for friends, it was supposed by some that I might have of each.' Is sorry no witnessed will of Christopher Rawlinson is found.

Jan. 28 (Sun.). But now tho' the Prints say that the said Christopher Rawlinson left Dr. Rawlinson all his real and great part of his personal estate, yet the Dr. tells me, in a Letter from London, which I received the 24th inst., that he hath been of late hurried by inquirys into an affair of some consequence not yet ripe—I mean, to discover the original will of Mr. Christopher Rawlinson, formerly Gent. Com. of Queen's Coll. Oxford, who in a draught, wrote & signed by himself, tho' unwitnessed, has left him all his real (he says nothing of his personal) estate; but this, if no will be found, descends to his next Heir at Law, and the Doctor will
 10 be *ut olim*, notwithstanding his designs towards him.

On Friday last about noon, came very privately into Oxford, in a coach and four, Dr. John Conybeare, rector of Exeter College, being not met by so much as one soul, and yesterday at ten Clock in the morning, he was installed Dean of Christ Church, but very little, or no, rejoicing was shewed on the occasion. He owes this piece of Preferment to Mr. (he is not a University Dr.) Edmund Gibson, Bishop of London, who hath some private by-ends in view, to whom he dedicated his Reply to *Christianity as old as the Creation*, which book (I am told, but I have not read it) is
 20 spun out to a great length, whereas all that is material might have been brought into about a sheet of paper.

Jan. 29 (Mon.). Sir Whitmore Acton, Bart. (formerly Gent Com. of Edmund Hall), of an ancient Family in Shropshire, dyed on Jan. 9, 1731, at his seat at Aldenham, near Bridgenorth. On Jan. 19, 1731, died the Rev. Mr. Andrew Tooke, headmaster of the Charterhouse School. He had been schoolmaster there between thirty and forty years. On Feb. 2, 1731, Edward Popham, Esq., son and heir of Francis Popham, Esq., of the County of Wilts., married to Miss Hudson, a young lady of considerable fortune. On Feb. 22, 1731, dyed Dr. Francis Atterbury, late Bishop of Rochester, who was banished by Act of Parliament, for being concerned
 30 in a Treasonable Conspiracy against his late Majesty. He died at Paris, aged near 70. So the Chronological Diary. On Mar. 6, 1731, dyed Mrs. Herriman, in St. Martin's le Grand, in the 115th year of her age. The same day dyed at Cambridge, the Rev. Dr. Davies, Master of Queen's College, rector of Fen-Ditton, and one of the Prebendaries of Ely. On Mar. 16, 1731, dyed John Penn Esq., at his seat at Penn in Buckinghamshire. On Mar. 18, 1731, Col. James Tyrrel, member for Boroughbrigg in Yorkshire, kissed the King's hand on his being made a Brigadier General on the Irish Establishment, in the room of Brigadier General Crofts, deceased. On Mar. 22, 1731, dyed Mr. Thomas Granger, chief
 40 clerk to the Committee of Accounts of the East India Company.

Jan. 30 (Tu.). Yesterday died, after two or three days illness, the Reverend Mr. Thomas Brown, M.A. and one of the Chaplains of Magd. College, Oxon. He died at one Mr. Brazier a glover's in St. Peter's in the East, where he had lodged many years in an indolent condition, never stirring out. He took the Degree of Master of Arts on June 22, 1683.

Jan. 28, 1733. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 180) [see Diary, Feb. 6, 9].

He was excellently well skilled in Church Musick. [Buried at Easington, near Wattleton, on Fri. Feb. 2.]

April 6, 1732 dyed M^{rs}. Dunchabala Oxendon, daughter of Sir George Oxenden, Bart.; on Ap. 21, 1732, the Rev. Dr. Best, minister of St. Lawrence Jewry, married to Miss West, a young Lady of 5000*l.* fortune, *Chronological Diary*; on May 2, 1732, the Right Hon. the Lord Petre married to the Hon. Miss Ratcliffe, daughter of the late Earl of Derwentwater; May 9, 1732, dyed M^r. Samuel Palmer, an eminent Printer in London, who was compiling a history of printing, some parts of which are published; on May 17, 1732, dyed the Rev. M^r. William Lowth, Pre-¹⁰bendary of Winchester and Author of several books in Divinity; on May 27, 1732, George Chamberlayne Esq., member of Parliament, was married to Miss Hardey, daughter of Sir Thomas Hardey, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 10,000*l.*; May 30, 1732, dyed at Chelsea in the 81st year of his age, the Rev. Dr. John King, minister of the church there; June 2, 1732, dyed at his house in Old Palace Yard, Westminster, the learned and reverend Edmund Calamy D.D.; June 27, 1732, dyed after a tedious indisposition Narcissus Luttrell Esq.; July 5, 1732, died suddenly in Wiltshire the Rt. Hon. George Brudenel, Earl of Cardigan; Aug. 19, 1732, the University of Oxford, in full Convocation, ²⁰conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on the Right Hon. the Earl of Litchfield, the Lord Gower, Sir Thomas Sebright Bart. and Watkin Williams Wynne Esq., *Chronological Diary*; Nov. 5, 1732, died Dr. Ayliffe an eminent civilian, *ibid.*; Nov. 28, 1732, Jenkin Thomas Phillips Esq., preceptor to his Royal Highness, the Duke, appointed Historiographer to his Majesty, in the room of Robert Stevens Esq., deceased.

Jan. 31 (Wed.). On p. 156 (of the latter part) of Godwyn de Praesulibus is an account of John Bird, Bishop of Chester. Dr. Hutton hath this MS. note in a copy of Godwyn that I have seen, *obit Iohannes Bird extra suam diocesis in Essexia, Dunmoue sepultus, fere octogenarius*; ³⁰*e notis MSS. Iohannis Balei propria manu scriptis penes W. Glyn Bart.* I have published Bale's notes in Trokelowe, but that upon Bird is not among them.

Yesterday preached at St. Mary's, before the University, it being the martyrdom of King Charles I, M^r. Cockman, Master of University College.

'Tis said at Cambridge that Dr. Bentley is upon publishing Homer, to be dedicated to Lord Carteret, in acknowledgment of the Defence he made for him in the House of Lords, a very hard task, if the Articles be true, which were exhibited against him, which are printed at large in number ⁴⁰LXIV, which are very scarce, being not to be sold, but I have them by the gift of M^r. Baker. What answer the Doctor is provided with, I know not, the matter being not yet (I think) brought to a proof.

Feb. 1 (Thur.). On Monday, the 22nd of last month, died the Right Hon. Thomas Lord Foley, Baron of Kidderminster in the County of

Jan. 31, 1733. Edmund Archer to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 25). Wishes to know when H.'s next book will be out.

Feb. 1, 1733. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 138). B.'s friend has

Worcester, so created by her late Majesty, Dec. 31, 1711. He is succeeded in honour and estate by his only son, Thomas, now Lord Foley.

The same day died the Right Hon. Thomas Herbert, Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Baron Herbert of Cardiff, Baron Ross of Kendall Parr, Fitz-hugh, Marmion, St. Quintin, and Herbert of Shurland, knight of the most noble order of the garter, Fellow of the Royal Society, one of the Governours of the Charterhouse, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Wilts., one of his Majesty's Privy Council, and one of the Society for Propagating
 10 the Gospel in Foreign Parts. His Lordship is succeeded in honour and estate by his eldest son, the Right Hon. the Lord Herbert, Colonel of the first troop of Horse Guards, and one of the Lords of the Bed-Chamber to his Majesty. This is the account of both these Lords in the Prints.

As for Lord Foley, he was a brave, honest, generous man, but for Pembroke he was, as it runs in the blood of that Family, a sort of mad man. He hath left behind him a most noble collection of ancient statues & medalls, as well as a very curious collection of books and pictures, in all which kinds he spared no charges, but was so very whimsical, as, if he had duplicates, to destroy all, excepting one of a sort. Nay, he used to
 20 buy up duplicates, on purpose with that view, being ambitious of having the only one, a sort of vanity most certainly much to be condemned. He drank very little, surely for this reason because in liquor he would be strangely frantick, insomuch that once he spit in the late King William's face, when they were drinking together one evening.

His Last Lady is a very young creature, with respect to the Earl. He married her, because (as he told his son, then Lord Herbert, now Earl of Pembroke) he could not live without a young woman by his side.

Feb. 2 (Fri.). In the late Bishop of Ely's copy of the *Monasticon Anglicanum* at Cambridge, which hath been consulted for me by Mr.
 30 Baker of Cambridge are no verses by Mr. Sampson Erdschwick. Dr. Bathurst's letter occurs in the Preface to the first, but there is nothing of Erdschwick's in the Preface to any of the three volumes. Mr. Baker likewise consulted another copy, given to their public Library by Sir William Dugdale, but nothing either of Erdschwick or Bathurst is to be met with there, or in another copy in the Library of St. John's College there. Neither is there anything of this nature in a copy I have that formerly belonged to Dr. Thomas Barlow, to whom it was given by Sir William Dugdale himself.

In a volume of *Homelyes, empynted by William Caxton at Westmestre*
 40 without date of time, Mr. Baker meets with a copy of *The Bedes on the Sonday*, with the following clause:—*Ye shal also pray for al them that synden ony light in this Chirche | or yeve or byquethe boke | belle | chalyce | or vestement | surpys | autercloth | or towayl &c.*, which Mr. Baker

called for Hemingford [see Dec. 26, 1732] & was told that the volume had been sent back to Oxford. It may be sent to Mr. Green, salesman, at the Greyhound in Smithfield. [See Mar. 1; Hearne adds a note that the book had been received at Vandenhoec's when it was sent the second time, but that they would not pay the Porter; that the volume was with difficulty got back and reached Oxford on Feb. 21.]

mentions in his Letter to me of Jan. 16 last, in confirmation of what he had sent before.

Feb. 3 (Sat.). From Mr. Loveday of Magd. College:—Penrith in Cumberland, on a stone inserted in north inside-wall of this church and towards the East is this inscription:—A.D. MDXCVIII | Ex gravi peste, quae | regionibus hisce incubuit | obierunt; apud | Penrith, 2260 | Kendal 2500 | Richmond 2200 | Carlile 1196 | Posterī | avertite vos et vivite | Ezek. xviii. 32. The church was built but in 1723, and there was much such an inscription as this, in rude characters, on the N. outside of the old Vestry in the wall. Some old tombstones are inserted in the south wall of the church on the inside. An inscription over the door of the parsonage-house, that Dr. Hugh Todd, the Minister, *restauravit, ampliavit, ornavit*, 1716.

There are two churches at Whitehaven; one of 'em stands north and south, unless Mr. Loveday is much mistaken. There is one Parish-Church in Carlisle, besides that in the west of the Cathedral; 'tis dedicated to St. Cuthbert, & does also (as Mr. Loveday takes it) stand north and south.

Feb. 4 (Sun.). On Thursday evening last about six clock had like to have been a fire at Edmund Hall, at which time the wind at south west (or rather almost full west) was extraordinary high, as it had been all day, & was so the day following; but 'twas discovered when a beam was almost burnt in two, that went under the hearth, in one of the highest rooms in Dr. Felton, the Principal's Lodgings next to Queen's College, where they were ironing cloaths.

Mr. Rawlins can find nothing relating to John Bridall, alias Brydle, among Mr. Wood's papers that he hath, and therefore can give me no light in what I have been enquiring in that affair, of which you may read what I printed in Thomas Otterbourne and John Whethamstede.

Feb. 5 (Mon.). Saturday last, Mr. Euseby Isham put into my hands, being lent me by his brother Sir Justinian Isham, a little quarto MS. in paper in which are many pictures or figures of persons and arms, done with a pen, but not coloured, which is intituled *Registrum Theokusburiæ, secundum originale examinatum*. It is very fairly written and seems to be about the time of Hen. VIII or Ed. VI. Two leaves, at least, at the beginning are cut out. What they contained, or whether they were only blank, does not appear. The present, as it is, is folio'd, beginning with, 1, 2 &c., by the original hand, & ends with 34; but fol. 30 is torn out. and after 34, four leaves, at least, appear to have been cut out. Tho' it be called *Registrum*, yet it is only an extract from some register. It

Feb. 3, 1733. Edw. Acton of Bentworth, Hants., to H. (Rawl. 13. 1). Mr. Woodyear, rector of Lasham, who is going to Oxford, will call for *Duo rerum Anglicarum scriptores*, which it is presumed are ready. Lord Sussex being dead, Mr. A. no longer has 'the distinction of Chaplain' to his lordship.

Feb. 5, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 76). Thanks for Christopher Rawlinson's will. Will be glad to have a copy 'of your Impression or Edition ('tis not material how you call it) of the XXXIX Articles'.

begins *Uxor vero Haywardi Meawe*, which shows that in the original Register other things preceded. It is the *libellus*, or at least a copy of the *libellus*, made use of by Leland in his Itinerary Vol. VI, p. 60.

I delivered it back to the Rector of Lincoln College today in the afternoon, putting it into his own hands at Lincoln College.

Feb. 6 (Shrove Tuesday). Last Saturday I received from Mr. Brome of Ewthington, near Hereford, a little vellom old MS. which he takes (as indeed it is) to be a very great curiosity. It is not his as yet, but hopes it may be so. He sent it to have my thoughts of it.

- 10 I take it to be an Almanack, and tho' inferior, in many respects, to that given me by the late Bishop of Ely (Dr. William Fleetwood), whereof I have given a specimen in Fordun, yet in some respects 'tis superior, particularly for settling the solar and lunar eclipses, of which there are figures in the MS. for many years. 'Tis of Hen. VI's time and beginning of Ed. IV's.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, died the Rev. Mr. Huxley, at London, curate of St. Mary Whitechapel, lecturer of St. George's in the East, and senior Fellow of Brazen-nose College, Oxon.

- 20 On Sunday, Jan. 14 last, died the Rev. Mr. Robert Orme, who had been a nonjuring clergy-man ever since the Revolution. He is the person that attended young Shepherd in his last moments, who was executed in the reign of George I for being an enemy to the said George, & for forming a design against him.

Yesterday died in St. Marie's parish in Oxford, where she hath lodged many years, Mrs. Judith Tyrrel, sister of the late James Tyrrel Esq., the English historian, son of Sir Timothy Tyrrel of Shottover. She was never married and was upwards of 80 years of age. [She was buried at Oakley near Brill in Buckinghamshire, where her relations are buried, on Sat. Feb. 10.]

- 30 **Feb. 7 (Ash-Wednesday).** Mr. Rawlins of Pophills gives me leave (if I think proper) to print his MS. (the author of which I take to be Bryan Twyne) of which I have taken a copy, about the musterings of the Univ. of Oxford in 1642 & 1643.

Quere whether Lord Herbert of Cherbury (who wrote the Life of Hen. VIII) ever published a MS. which is by way of Dialogue between a Tutor and his Pupil, containing 279 pages in folio, because it is wrot on the first leaf of the book *Baronis Herbert de Cherbury scriptum ineditum apographum penes*. So Mr. Rawlins tells me, but he does not say, who hath the MS. or whether he ever saw it himself.

- 40 Mr. Smith of Totness in Devonshire had not quite finished Dr. Pocock's life. After his death the MS. was left to Mr. Burscough, to give it the finishing stroke; but he dying soon after, it was sent to Dr. Pocock's son, according to the will, who is a Clergyman and is incumbent of Tavy Peter in the eastern parts of Devonshire. Mr. Collwell of Trinity Coll. Oxon. gives Mr. Rawlins great hopes of recovering it.

Feb. 8 (Thur.). On Tuesday last, Feb. 6, died of an apoplexy, Dr. George Aylmer, M.D. and Fellow of Corpus Christi Coll. Oxford. He was about 35 years of age, and bore a very good character. He died in the College. He was an Hampshire man by birth, being born at Petersfield [whither he was carried to be buried on Sat. Feb. 10].

On Saturday night, Jan. 27 last, about 9 o'clock, died in the King's Bench Prison, after four days illness, Mr. Woolston, author of those shocking Discourses on our Saviour's miracles, which have made so much noise, & employed so many pens to write against them, and for which he was tryed, fined, and imprisoned. He was in the 66th year of his age. 10 About four or five minutes before he died, he uttered these words:— *This is a Struggle, which all men must go through, and which I bear not only with Patience but Willingness.* Upon which he closed his eyes and shut his lips with a seeming design to compose his face with decency, without the help of a Friend's hand, and then he expired. But whether he shewed in the time of his illness any remorse of conscience or any signs of repentance, for his having invalidated in his discourses the miracles of our Saviour, we dont hear.

The Prints tell us that the Rev. Dr. Tyrwhit, one of his Majesty's chaplains, and son-in-law to Gibson, the Bishop of London, is appointed 20 Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in the room of the Rev. Dr. Godolphin, who died on Mon. Jan. 29 last aged 91. [Some tell me, he was not above 84 or 85.] This Dr. Henry Godolphin took the Degree of M.A. as a member of All Souls College on Ap. 20, 1672, and that B. and D.D. as a Grand-Compounder on July 11, 1685. He was commonly called Mother Louse,¹ because his nose reached so near to his chin.

Feb. 9 (Fri.). Dr. Robert Morgan was educated at Westminster School & came thence to Christ Church in Smalridge, Hannes &c. elections. He had the reputation at Christ Church of being a very 30 ingenious man, and a good scholar; but being Batchelor of Arts, at the Revolution he scrupled taking the Oaths, and thereupon he retired into North Wales, and there taught School. Upon Queen Anne's accession to the Crown, those scruples ceased, & he accepted a canonry in the Church of Hereford, & of the rectory of Rosse in Herefordshire by gift & interest of his brother Bishop Humphreys. So that complying, he was created M.A., as a member of Christ Church on June 23, 1702, and he accumulated the degrees of B. and D.D. as a Grand-Compounder on June 30, 1702. He is so very reserved a man, that tho' my friend Mr. William Brome lives but ten miles distant from him, yet he hath not 40

Feb. 8, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 333). The Cotton MSS. are at the Old Dormitory of Westminster School, and W. had paid at least ten visits before he could gain admittance. There is no mention of Ric. de Morins in Cleopatra C. viii. 20. 'I think Archbishop William's Scurrilities were scarce worth publishing, but wonder Dr. Rawlinson hath not sent them you. Poor Mr. Baker is in a most declining condition and sees no one. Pray God grant him health. I am just going to drink your health with Mr. Garter [i.e. Antsis], R. Gale & Slater Bacon.'

¹ Mother Louse kept an ale-house (see *Wood's Life and Times*, vol. ii, p. 267).

the happiness of being much acquainted with him. Which I mention, because I desired to know from Mr. Brome, whether the Dr. hath Bishop Humphreys's MSS. notes upon that part of Camden relating to Wales, or whether they are in the hands of Dr. Edward Wynne, chancellor of Hereford, upon which Mr. Brome hath lately applied to a friend, well acquainted with both, on purpose to satisfy my curiosity, and Mr. Brome promiseth that when he can get any account worth transmitting to me, I shall not fail to have it. Mr. Brome was very well acquainted with Bishop Humphreys, & took him to be, with respect to preserving papers, 10 as careless a man as ever he knew; so that 'tis probable his valuable collections have been made waste paper. What reasons Dr. Morgan had to take the oaths, I know not, especially since the case continued the same, nay upon this account it was worse, that the oath of allegiance hath been loaded with an oath of abjuration, whence several became Nonjurors purely upon the score of the abjuration oath, who would otherwise have sworn allegiance.

Feb. 10 (Sat.). On Wed. night last Madg. Coll. great bell rang out for the death of Mr. Burslem, who came in Fellow last summer, being put in by the Visitor, who obliged the College to act in that part according to 20 the Will of the Founder, and to put in a Lincolnshire man, viz. Mr. Burslem, whereas they had elected a Barkshire man, Mr. Zinzan, who was, by virtue of the Visitor's order, obliged to quit. Mr. Burslem died at Marseilles in France, from which place Dr. Butler (president of Magd. Coll.) had a letter, written by a physician there, of his death on Tuesday night Feb. 6. Mr. Burslem was an excellent scholar, and a man of a working politic head. He went to Marseilles for his health, being in a consumption.

To ask Bishop Tanner what the name of the Abbess of Ambresbury was in the year 1177. Also to ask him, whether he knows any thing 30 of Richard de Morins, Prior of Dunstaple, who was the first who wrote the Annals or Chronicle of Dunstaple, tho' twas afterwards continued by others.

Feb. 11 (Sun.). On the first of this instant Febr., being Thursday, died, as the Prints tell us, the Hon. Robert Price Esq., one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas, at his Lodgings at Kensington, aged 75; who on account of his great learning and experience in the law, and his strict impartiality and justice, is lamented by all. I never heard this man ill spoken of by any person whatever, but on the contrary he was always mentioned with honour, and was commonly stiled *the honest bold Britain*, 40 on account of his firmness and courage and integrity. He hath speeches (several, as I remember) printed under his name, whether by his leave or not, I know not. To be sure, he was sincere in what he undertook, notwithstanding he did not (that ever I heard) scruple the Oaths, a thing

Feb. 11, 1734. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 249). Had hoped to answer H.'s questions, but had not seen Brigadier Tyrrell. 'My health forces me to frequent retreats to a little house I have here at Twickenham, having been very ill all the winter.' Next week returns to town and hopes to see the Brigadier.

I know not well how to reconcile with a truly conscientious man's character. Yet tho' he complied, he had an honour and respect for the Nonjurors, and being one of the Judges at Preston, on account of what they called the Rebellion there, he shewed what kindness he could to such as were confined & imprisoned for their appearing in behalf of the Chevalier de St. George. This judge Price was carried through Oxford yesterday to be buried.

Feb. 12 (Mon.). On Ashwednesday last, Feb. 7, preached before the determining Batchelours the Latin Sermon, at St. Marie's, Mr. John Burton of Corpus Christi College, the same that some time agoe published 10 in 4^{to} two Latin Sermons, for restoring Discipline in the University, in order to which he hath always appeared very zealous, tho' 'tis said by all, that I have conversed with, that (which is a wonder) no one hath been more negligent of his Pupils.

Had Christopher Rawlinson Esq. left my friend Dr. Rawlinson his personal Estate by a Draught under his own hand, it would have been enough; but his real Estate could not be legally conveyed, without being attested by Witnesses, which being wanting in the Draught, written by his own hand (of which I have a copy, given me by Dr. Rawlinson) I fear 'twill miscarry and be looked upon as wholly invalid, unless an attested 20 one (which I much doubt of) can be found, and yet no doubt can be made that Mr. Rawlinson designed and willed, that the Doctor should have every thing. It was pity he had not got witnesses, a thing he must needs know to be necessary in the case, & I suppose he had very good reason to set aside the Heir at Law.

A. D. 1517. This yeare a great Frost, and the evill Maye daye; so in a MS. of the Antiquities of York, penes Ricardum Rawlinson.

A. D. 1538. This yeare the bible was appointed to be read in Englishe in the churches, and Registers began to be kept; *ibid*.

Feb. 13 (Tu.). In a Catalogue or Register of the Fellows of Catharine 30 Hall, Mr. Baker finds *Mr. Edwardus More Westmerland; natus in villa Medilton*, socius circa annum 1516, which being about Mr. Leland's time & standing, he might probably be of his acquaintance, and be therefore the person mentioned by Leland in his *Itin.* vol. vii, p. 43. This is all Mr. Baker knows of him, as he tells me in his Letter from Cambridge of the 6th inst. See above under Jan. 16.

Mr. Baker could never meet with Juliana Barnes's book, nor was he when he wrote last in any condition, by reason of his being confined to his Chamber by a violent cold, & somewhat worse, to seek for it in their publick Library, & so could say nothing to the Types made use 40 of there; however he said *probably they may be*, as I told him, *the same with Caxton's*.

Feb. 14 (Wed.). One Mr. Witney, alias Wintney, a farmer of Little Missenden near Agmondesham in Bucks., called upon me last night,

Feb. 12, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 77). H. sends a Scheme of Determining Batchelours. Often thinks about the will of Christopher Rawlinson.

but he does not seem to be able to give an account of any of the old Writings of Missenden Abbey. He hath a son living in Oxford in St. Aldate's parish, a man of good substance, which he owes, in good measure, to the death of an uncle, one Burnham.

Bishop Fleetwood's book about St. Wenefrid, as soon as it came out, was much laughed at, and I could not by any means approve of it, notwithstanding I had sent him the old Latin Legend, & the old English Verses, from the MSS. in Bodley. His making her to be a fictitious saint is bold and daring. There are many saints that by the same way
10 may be annihilated. Mr. Baker hath much the same opinion of this book that I have, & yet he says cannot blame me, for giving the Author my assistance, being what himself often does, in Designs, & for Authors he does not altogether approve, *salva tamen religione*.

Feb. 15 (Thur.). Lord Oxford and Bishop Tanner have been pretty zealous Attenders in the House of Lords, on Dr. Bentley's affair, which was decided about a week ago in favour of the Bishop of Ely.

Sir Clement Cottrell, Master of the Ceremonies, in a Letter from Twickenham of the 11th (in answer to one I had wrote to him) promiseth to enquire of Brigadier Tyrrell, about his (the Brigadier's) Father's last
20 volume of the English History, which volume was never yet printed, but was left finished by his father James Tyrrell Esq., a good part of which I have seen in the Author's lifetime, he writing some of it in my room at Edmund Hall. What I wanted to know was, whether he hath any character of Thomas Otterbourne and John Whethamstede, it being usual with the said James Tyrrell the Historian, to give an account of his Authors, among which 'tis probable are Otterbourne and Whethamstede. I am sure he made use of that part of Whethamstede I have published from the Herald's Office, as appears from his handwriting in the MS. at that Office.

Feb. 16 (Fri.). Mr. James Parkinson, who was formerly Fellow
30 of Lincoln College, from whence he was expelled, as he was from the University, for his bad wicked republican Principles, which he studiously, as much as he could, instilled into his pupils, of which he had a great number, was afterwards schoolmaster of Bremicham, where he died about Easter Wednesday, or about Mar. 28, 1722, being 69 or 70 years of age. He continued in the same antimonarchical Principles to the last, & was violent in them, tho' I heard one, that had been his scholar at Bremicham a good while, say last night, that he did not endeavour to corrupt his boys with any such principles, which however I fear to be false, he being
40 recommended by Tillotson and others of the low Whiggish republican perswasion, on purpose to infuse ill notions into the children and youth of the school. He was a little man, very furious & fiery, and had a son of both his names, who took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Wadham College on May 11, 1724.

Feb. 17 (Sat.). On Sept. 3 last I received from Mr. Brome, of Ewithington near Hereford, a copy of *Godwyn de Praesulibus* in large Paper, which is a very valuable book, there being in it a great number of MSS. observations, which tho' they bear no author's name, yet

from the hand I gather that the Author was Dr. Matthew Hut'on of Aynoe. I have copied them in a Copy of Godwyn in small Paper, and I have given a specimen of them in Tho. Otterbourne &c., that I have just now, as it were, finished at the Theater Press. Mr. Brome would have had me add some MSS. notes of my own to his copy, but this I judged proper to decline, not knowing what use might be made of them.

Feb. 18 (Sun.). My late friend Mr. Thomas Hinton was succeeded in the Rectory of Hampshire¹ by one Mr. Baker, who being dead his successor is one Mr. Woodyer.

Mr. Rawlinson having given me a copy of Christopher Rawlinson Esq.'s will, I thereby fully understand that he designed all his estate, real and personal to the Dr., but being not witnessed, I fear 'twill miscarry, unless another attested should be found, which I much doubt. His personal estate limited to the Dr. is at Cork Hall in Lancashire, where the said Christopher Rawlinson had not been for 25 years before he died, so that, except there may be some family library, which the Dr. knows not of, 'tis suspected that nothing but old goods will appear. The Dr. knows not the tenure of the Estates, which are several, that are particularly mentioned in the will. Perhaps Leaseholds for terms of 20 years, not lives, are personal. Quære.

It is observable that Mr. Rawlinson was a man somewhat capricious. He was buried on the 31st of last month in the Abby of St. Alban's.

Feb. 19 (Mon.). I desired, a good while since, Mr. Anstis to send me word, what was said (if anything) of Thomas Otterbourne in the Prologue to their MS. in the Heralds' Office of *Scalae Chronicon*. I have printed an extract of the *Scalae Chronicon* in Leland's Coll. p. 509 vol. II. Mr. Anstis hints to me, that they have not this *Scalae Chronicon* (which is a book in French) but he takes it to be that in C.C.C., Cambridge, F. iv. He had once an occasion to make particular enquiry after this book, and he insinuates that in the Cambridge MS. there is wanting whatever past from the siege of Turnay to the 30th E. III, though Scotland hath given extracts of matters in that interval.

Feb. 20 (Tu.). Mr. Anstis at the same time, in a letter from the Heralds' Office of Jan. 18 last, told me that what they have in their Library of the Heralds' Office, among the Duke of Norfolk's books, no. 5, is *Scala Mundi*, a book in Latin, & called so because it contains a scale or series of years, from the beginning of the World in Tables.

Feb. 21 (Wed.). After the *Scala Mundi* in the said MS. follows an Hist. entitled *Pontifices Imperatores*. Then comes *Compilatio de gestis Britonum et Anglorum*, where the author whoever he was writes:—

Compilavi enim presens opusculum ex quodam libro quem vocant Brutum sive de gestis Britonum, item ex libro venerabilis Bedae presbyteri de gestis

Feb. 20, 1733. Bp. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 10. 15) [see Diary, Feb. 26, 27, 28].

¹ Lasham, Hants, is meant.—Ed.

Anglorum, item ex libro Willelmi Malmesberiensis de gestis Anglorum, item ex Cronicis magistri Petri Pictavensis cancellarii Pariens' (*sic*); item ex Cronicis fratris Martini Penitentiarii domini Papae et capellani; item ex Cronicis Iohannis de Porta; nonnulla etiam interserui quae diebus istis novissimis acciderunt, sicut ex relatu virorum fidedignorum accepi, necnon & oculis propriis contemplatus fui.

The book is wrote in strong characters upon velom, & comes down to the battle of Tewksbury & the returning Hen. VI back to the Tower. It is very probable there may be some particulars in it, not remarked
 10 in other histories; if I will inspect it, Mr. Anstis tells me I may command it. There are the articles against Henry the Fourth or declaration of those who opposed him, which Mr. Anstis saith, he hath met with in other places, and he knows not, whether these are not mentioned in the Hereditary Right.

Feb. 22 (Thur.). The famous Thomas Gataker used to write notes upon printed books in the margin, one of which books (Cooper's Dictionary) I have, full of such notes. 'Twas from them that he collected his *Adversaria*, as I take it.

On Sunday the 4th inst. died, at his seat at Foxcot in Warwickshire,
 20 Francis Canning Esq., a gentleman of parts and learning, and of great charity and integrity. He acted the part of an Attorney or common lawyer for many of his perswasion, he being a Roman-Catholick. He was 70 or better.

Feb. 23 (Fri.). Yesterday in Convocation at 2 Clock, Mr. Joddrell (a gentleman Commoner of Trinity College) was created M.A., tho' of but about 3 years standing, and I am told of no manner of merit, the reason I am told (& none else) because he is some way or other related to Archbishop Sheldon, notwithstanding his Principles be quite different. Many were against it, but did not appear in the Convocation House.
 30 Dr. Shippen sate as Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor himself being ill of the strange epidemical Cold, that hath of late seized almost all people in England and many forreign countries, & carried off many, such a cold as I never heard of before, occasioned by an infection of the air, which arose 'tis supposed from a strange mild winter.

Yesterday about 5 Clock in the afternoon died Mr. John Cox of St. Peter's in the East, Oxford, aged 59. He was (tho' by trade a shoe-

Feb. 22, 1732. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 50) [*see* Diary, May 23].

Feb. 22, 1732. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 335). Is glad Otterbourne is nearly finished. 'You may depend on their (*sic*) being none but Mr. Granger's books in his Catalogue, which I believe you will think worth perusing. Some few of them came to my share. I rejoice much at the Reconvalescency of Mr. Baker. I am going to dine with your friends the Bp. of St. Asaph & G. Holmes, where we shall drink your health. Your new set of Methodists or Sacramentarians are much talked of here, tho' I think we have no true account of them.'

Feb. 22, 1732. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 296). Sends the printed Advertisement that Otterbourne is now issued, and the 'Chronicle or Annals of Dunstaple' to be begun. Wishes to know if Queen Elizabeth's entertainment at Killingworth Castle in 1575 was among Mr. Granger's books.

maker) formerly a carrier, and exercised the trade of a victualler many years. He had about two months since a breaking out upon one of his shoulders, much like a boil, which turned to a mortification, that proved his death. He hath left sons and daughters. [Buried in St. Peter's church yard in the East near the yew tree by his father, who died about fifty years since, on Sund. in the afternoon Feb. 25.]

Feb. 24 (Sat.). As to the copy of Archbishop Sancroft's mandate to All Souls College, which was taken by a Proctor of the Commons, Mr. Anstis supposes he took it from the original under his seal which was produced in the controversy, when All Souls College rejected Mr. Wood upon the pretence of ignorance in Grammar, and Mr. Anstis knows that Instrument is entered upon Archbishop Sancroft's register, remaining at Lambeth. I mentioned to Mr. Anstis, that in one place of the mandate (as he sent it me, & which I have printed in Otterbourne) is *Wilhelmus* and afterwards twice *Gulielmus*. He believes (in answer to me) the Proctor never mistoke one word for another, though he might not be so exact as he ought in the spelling.

Mr. John Leak, formerly of Hart Hall, now a Nonjuror, but of that sort who frequent the publick churches, tho' he was otherwise formerly, hath written and published an 8^{vo} English book, with some such Title ¹ as *this Some serious thoughts in religion, written by a Gentleman of the University*. His name is not to it. But I am assured 'tis his, and that it bears but a poor Character, and this I had from one of his intimate acquaintance. Mr. Leak is the person who many years since communicated some private papers of Mr. Dodwell's, Mr. Cherry's &c. about the schism to one Marshall, a vile Whig, which Marshall printed at the end of an 8^{vo} book against the Nonjurors who stick firm, and do not close with such as hold, that the schism was closed by the death of Dr. Lloyd, Bishop of Norwich, for which Mr. Leak got so little credit then, that he assured me, he should never publish any thing more of any kind ³⁰ whatever, & yet he is now come out with a book, that, however well designed, is but laughed at by the generality of readers, as being but injudiciously & weakly performed. His intent is doing good to young gentlemen in the University, & I could wish it might have its effect, but I am told it should have been written better and in another manner. I hear he lent it to several before it was printed, and that they perswaded him to print, but then I was also told, that they were either improper judges, or that they imposed upon Mr. Leak.

Feb. 25 (Sun.). Mr. Edward Lye hath read over this winter the Gothick Gospels, and drawn up a grammar of the language, much after ⁴⁰ the method Mr. Thwaites hath observed in his Saxon Grammar. So he tells me by Letter, observing at the same time that he differs in some things from Dr. Hickes, but he thinks not without very good grounds. As for Thwaites's Saxon Grammar, it is an Epitome only of Dr. Hickes, and was never much approved of, being too obscure for beginners.

On the 7th inst. being Ashwednesday, died my Brother in law Daniel

¹ 'The Title is *The young Scholar's Manual*'; note by Hearne.

Dean's father, at his house at Oldspur Heath, in the parish of Woburne, near Beaconsfield in Bucks.

Feb. 26 (Mon.). When I asked Bishop Tanner, some time since, at Christ Church, about Richard de Morins, the original Author of the Chronicle of Dunstaple, he could recollect nothing about him. But since, by Letter from New Palace Yard Westminster, of the 20th inst., he tells me that he finds in his notes an author of the like name, which he hath a reference to, as among the late Lord Clarendon's MSS. no. 35. He had not the Catalogue by him at the writing his Letter, so is very uncertain, whether he be the historian and annalist I mentioned, who was canon of Merton and Prior of Dunstaple.

R., Prior of Dunstaple about 1224, is mentioned Newcourt vol. I, p. 868, but Bishop Tanner believes I shall find that he died before 1242; for he hath this Memorandum out of Dodsworth's MSS. vol. 107, f. 76, being collections out of the Lincoln registers, wherein it is said that Galfridus de Barton was admitted Prior of Dunstaple upon the death of Richard the last Prior, *anno quinto pontific. Roberti Grosteteste*, which must be between May 18, 1239 and May 17, 1240; probably the month & day is in the MS.; by the by they have since at Lincoln lost¹ the fine
20 old Roll of Bishop Grosteteste.

Feb. 27 (Tu.). 'Tis not Morins but Maring that is mentioned in the Clarendon MSS. no. 35 (Catalogue p. 6). The Title is this, *Conjunctio Martis & Veneris (i.e. Arthuri Principis & Catharinae uxoris) per Ricardum Maring*, fol. 116.

There can be no doubt of Richard de Morins's dying anno 1242, since there is this express passage in the Annals of Dunstaple, viz. 'Eodem anno [1242], quinto Idus Aprilis, mortuus est bonae memoriae Ricardus de Morins, quondam Prior de Dunstaple'. It seems he had resigned some time before.

30 Bishop Tanner hath got the names of 5 or 6 abbesses of Ambresbury; but not of any one near the time I mentioned, which was 1177 [see above Feb. 10], nor can he direct me, where to meet with it.

I told the Bishop of two mistakes in his Notitia Monastica relating to North Wales. He said, he had set right all those mistakes in North Wales some years since, by the favour of Dr. Jones, Dean of Bangor.

Feb. 28 (Wed.). Bishop Tanner once saw at Winchester House in Chelsea, before Sir Jonathan Trelawny's books were removed, a first

Feb. 26, 1733. H. to Rev. Thomas Carte (Carte MS. 227. 190). The copy of Otterbourne for the Marquis d'Aubaix is ready.

Feb. 27, 1733. Richard Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 166). H.'s new book was advertised by Dr. Bedford in the Daily Post Boy of last Friday. Has not found his brother's will, but had a strong scent.

Feb. 27, 1733. William Dodwell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 273) [see Diary, Ap. 14, 16]. 'I have lately taken a curacy near Reading, whither I shall go this week to reside.'

Feb. 28, 1733. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 17). 'John Dee, as you observe, was scandalously neglected; but this hath been the Fate of

¹ It survives, and has been printed by the Canterbury and York Soc.

volume of the Monasticon, in which were several copies of Latin &, he thinks, English verses, not usually printed. The authors' names he hath forgot, nor does he say any thing to me about verses in praise of the Monasticon by Erdswick, tho' I had expressly asked him about them. But it seems he did not so much mind the names, being eager in tumbling over the book, in hopes of finding Dr. Bathurst's Letter, but it was not there. What became of those books, which were but a small, yet a good, collection, the Bishop does not well know.

Mar. 1 (Thur.). On Saturday the 17th of last month Mr. Joseph Atwell, Fellow of Exeter College, was unanimously elected Rector of that College, in room of Dr. Conybeare, Dean of Christ Church, who resigned.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mond. Feb. 26, 1732-3:—

London, Feb. 22, 1732. A Proclamation was published this day for prohibiting the Currency of the Broad-Pieces, Halves and Quarters, and ordering the Officers of the Mint to receive them, and allow for them after the Rate of £4 1s. per ounce, in order to recoin them into Guineas and Half-Guineas; but directs the collectors of the Revenues to receive the same by weight, for the space of one year at £4 1s. per ounce Troy Weight, and the Officers of the Mint are allowed also to take them at the same rate to recoin them, and we hear that the waste of melting them and the deficiency are to be made up out of the Coinage Duty.

NB. In the reign of George I, scepter Broad pieces were brought (*sic*) from 25s. 6d. to 25s., common Broads from 23s. 6d. to 23s., and Guineas from 1 lib. 1s. 6d. to 1 lib. 1s., & the halves &c. in proportion, to the great loss of many. And now there will be also a great loss, the old gold pieces being excellent gold, far beyond what we have now, when there is so much alloy, & the Guineas now coined are so small that 'tis commonly said that every one wants eighteen pence of the due weight. 'Tis supposed that the Broad pieces will make (with the alloy to be added) 30 two guineas each, such is the misery this nation is brought to. The broad gold is far the best money we ever had, and most for the honour of

many other very great men of this nation, to the great amazement of Foreigners, who have many times exclaimed upon such occasions.' Thanks for MS. fragment of the Vulgate. Asks B. to find who is the heir of the late Mr. Canning, who lived at Foxcote, who paid for a copy of Otterbourne.

Feb. 28, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 92) [*see* Diary, Mar. 15]. 'Being yet confined, I see few friends. Our Librarian, Mr. Taylor, is now at Oxford with Proposals for Rob. Stephens's Thesaurus.'

Mar. 1, 1733. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 139). Is sorry to trouble H. again, but the man has changed his sign [*see* Feb. 1] and is now Mr. Green, Salesman, at the King's Head in Smithfield. He will pay all expenses for the book.

Mar. 1, 1733. Thomas Carte to H. (Rawl. 14. 55). Was detained in Ireland three times as long as he intended, digesting 10 or 12 hampers of letters and papers of state between 1660 & 1686, in the Castle of Kilkenny. Had no time to go to the North and Northwest of Ireland to search into some heaps of valuable papers. Has just completed the index to Thuanus. Forgot to order a copy of Otterbourne; but dining with Dr. Mead on Saturday, he heard that H. had reserved a copy for the Marquis d'Aubaix. Subscribes for the Chronicle of Dunstaple for himself and for the Marquis d'Aubaix.

our nation, and no one ever dreamt that it would be called in, but 'tis a covetous court that does it. Before people were so fond of broad gold that 'twas grown a Proverb, tradesmen & others using to say, when they had got a quantity of valuable goods, such as books &c. *We will lay these up as old (or broad) Gold.*

Mar. 2 (Fri.). The book that Martin Folkes Esq., F.R.S., is doing, about our English coins, is to be in 4^{to}. 'Tis to begin with William Conq., & to come to the present time. Many Plates are done. Mr. Vertue is the engraver. So Mr. Vertue himself told me at my room
10 at Edmund Hall last night. In this work he will give an account of the true value of each coin from time to time, of its Alloy, & of the alterations each hath suffered. He will also distinguish the marks made use of in medals, & of those in coins. He is of opinion that what is called the 5 shilling piece of Hen. VIII was a coin, not a medal, but I take it to be a medal. It seems it was rather a 3s. 6d. piece, if it were really a coin. As for marks of the mint to prove this & some other pieces coins, I take the argument to be of no validity. For formerly even what was a medal, was nothing often but a minted piece, & the distinction of the mint was not then as now observed with respect to coins, so as those are
20 to be reckoned as coins only which have the mint mark. There will be an interruption to this work for some time, during Mr. Folke's absence, who is going into Italy for about a year with a son of his, that is about 13 or 14 years of age.

Mar. 3 (Sat.). Browne Willis hath got a fair large Gold piece of Ric. II with the head on it, rather fairer than Mr. West's. Mr. Willis being in Oxford, shewed it me yesterday.

Mr. Willis's book of the Dedication of Churches is in 4^{to}. He intitles it, *Parochiale Anglicanum*, which is a very odd Title.

Mr. Willis yesterday told me that the Earl of Abbingdon hath got the
30 Register of Nulley Abbey,¹ but that some leaves at the end are cut out. He will not lend it, but if Mr. Willis will goe over to Ricote, he shall have the use of it for a week or longer, as he pleases, & be very welcome.

The Publick Papers tell us that by a Letter from Scotland, dated Jan. 31 last, we have an account, that Dr. James Gadderar, a Non-juring Bishop, died on the 23rd of that month, of the epidemical cold then raging; and gives the following character of him, viz. 'He was a great Ornament to the Church, the true (spiritual) interest of which he promoted by indefatigable Pains and Labour. He acted zealously and vigorously for her Prosperity and Welfare in every part of his
40 conduct. He was a wise and judicious Governour, a very diligent and

Mar. 3, 1733. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 189). Asks that Otterbourne may be sent by the carrier. Will subscribe for the Annals of Dunstaple [see Diary, Mar. 6].

¹ The Earl of Abingdon now possesses no ancient records. It is said that when the family left Rycote, a bonfire was made of the old muniments; this Cartulary was destroyed at that time, and also a Cartulary of Abingdon Abbey.—Ed.

active Pastor, and conscientious in the Discharge of his Office; and died very much lamented, in an advanced Age.'

Mar. 4 (Sun.). Mr. Willis went over to Rycot to Lord Abbington's yesterday in the afternoon, to consult the Register of Nutley Abbey.

The Church of Hogshawe near Winslow in Bucks., which I saw some years ago in its ruins, is now intirely down. Hogshawe was a Preceptory for Knights Templars.

Mr. Baker knows nothing concerning Major Byrom. He seems to have been a military man, no scholar.

I found yesterday by Mr. Willis, that he designs a Plate or more of the 10 Tradesmen's Tokens, especially those of cities and chief towns; I know not *cui bono*; and in this he is very industrious.

At this time abundance are very busy in making collections of English Coins and Medals, and that is one reason I believe of stopping the Currency of Broad Pieces, & calling them in, that by that means divers may have their choice at cheap rates, whereas otherwise they would have been very dear, if they could have come at them at all.

I have a MS. Paper intit. *An ominous Epithalamie, on the most auspicious Conjunction of the most Illustrious Prince of Orange & Her Royall Highness the Lady Mary, eldest Daughter to his Royal Highness the D. of York,* 20 *who were marryed on Nov. the 4th, 1677, with an occasionall Reflexion on Nov. 5, 1605.* [Others say they were married Nov. 7th]. It was writ at that time. There are two copies, one of which hath Oct. 4, 1677.

Mar. 5 (Mon.). I always thought, there had been six bells at Osney. I am sure there are six mentioned in pag. 305 of my *curious Discourses*. Mr. Willis also told me on Saturday last, that he always thought there had been six bells in peal at Osney, but that now he finds (I know not how) otherwise, & that the five biggest bells of Christ Church are those five that were in peal at Osney, & that they have no other bell at Christ Church that belonged to Osney. I could not hear that either of the names of the 30 six Osney bells (mentioned in the *Curious Discourses*) are now upon any of the bells of Christ Church. For my part I am still of opinion that there were six bells in peal at Osney, the passage in the *Curious Discourses* being undoubted evidence for it.

Mar. 6 (Tu.). Mr. Edward Burton, formerly of Oriel College, does not, at present, remember to have seen the Annals of Dunstaple quoted by any one but Mr. Tyrrell & Sir Edward Coke in his 2 Inst. Exposition of

Mar. 4, 1733. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 3. 147). Is sending a letter by a near relation of Mr. Willis [see Diary, Mar. 29]. Asks that the MS. Almanac & Bishop Godwin's *Presules* may be sent back by the same bearer. [Note by Hearne, 'Received Mar. 16, after 5 Clock with the shilling. I came in then very wet, it being a most sad windy wet snowy afternoon.']

Mar. 5, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 78). Wishes to know the real Author of *The History of Passive Obedience*. Dr. Hickes has been reported the author, but H. thinks it was Mr. Seller.

Mar. 5, 1733. George Ballard to H. (Rawl. 14. 19). Asks if H. has heard of a book called *Cartae Antiquae*. Will be in Oxford soon and will pay for the binding of Otterbourne.

Mar. 6, 1733. Martin Folkes Esq. to H. (Rawl. 14. 132). Thanks H.

the Statute de Judaismo. There he takes notice of a passage out of them, exactly corresponding to Hemingford's account of the expulsion of the Jews.

Mar. 7 (Wed.). Last Saturday died at London, where he had been about three weeks, Mr. Wells of St. Maries Parish in Oxford, bookseller, in the thirty seventh year of his age. He was a very handsome man, of excellent good nature, and very jocose. He had good sense, and was very well beloved. He hath been married many years. His wife had been married before, being the widow of one Boroughs, a Presbyterian, of
 10 Oxford, who took an opportunity (when Mr. Wells was not quite out of his apprenticeship to Mr. Peisley of Oxford, bookseller) of enticing him to her bed, or else having got him intoxicated first, she crept to bed to him, and was got with child by him, after which he married her. She is one of the daughters of the late Sir Daniel Webb, who was three times Mayor of Oxford. She is much older than Mr. Wells, is a short squat woman, and was never handsome nor good natured. Of a good she made Mr. Wells a bad husband, & thereupon he took to another woman, a comely, jolly body, now the widow of Mr. Combes, who hath been dead some time, but when he was living, tho' he was a very young man, yet she had
 20 more affection for Wells than for him. This Mrs. Combes is now big with child by Wells, who went to London on purpose to make provision for her lying in, & she followed him up from Wiccomb (where she had been a little while with an uncle) soon after, but having a little before his Journey had the epidemical Cold, & being not well rid of it, when he arrived at London, he drunk one night so extreme hard with some friends (among whom were several Oxonians) that he had a relapse, & was scarce sensible ever after. His wife hearing of his extreme Illness, goes after him to London, and 'twas not above two hours before she came to his inn, that Mrs. Combes was at the inn in the same room where Mr.
 30 Wells lay, and had been there when Mrs. Wells came, had not she been forced out. Mrs. Combes is a very young woman, & is the Daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Juggins, an honest man of Oxford, & head cook of Christ Church, in which business he was famous. Mr. Wells's death is much lamented by all that knew him in Oxford. He was brought in an herse from London yesterday. 'Tis thought that his heart was broke, and that his chief affliction was the reflexion upon the trouble brought upon him by these indiscreet actions, which lessened his income, & reduced him to very mean circumstances, so as he died but poor. He was buried last night in St. Marie's church. He hath left five children, two (a son and
 40 a daughter) that his wife had by her first husband, and three that Mr. Wells himself had by her (one son and two daughters). [I hear it since confirmed by all hands that Mr. Wells took a dose of opium and so was *Felo de se*.]

Mar. 8 (Thur.). Dr. Robert Freind hath resigned the Head Schoolmaster's place of Westminster School, & is succeeded by the

for his kind wishes 'in my travels'; hopes to receive Otterbourne before he starts.

Mar. 8, 1733. H. to Mr. John Nicoll, chief master of Westminster

second Master Mr. John Nicholl. This Dr. Robert Freind is a most excellent Classical Scholar, and hath presided over that School many years with very great Reputation. Upon the death of the late Dr. Bradshaw 'twas wished, particularly by the writer of these matters, that considering his excellent Learning, & upon account of his being a most admirable disciplinarian, he might have been made Dean of Christ Church, and for my part I could see no objection, but his being a married man; but this was an objection not in the least moved, nothing being more common nowadays than for Bishops, Deans, Canons &c. to be married; but what was objected to him, when he offered himself to the Queen (as 10 they call her) Caroline, that most covetous Princess, was that she said he was too old, upon which he moved that Mr. George Wigan, late Student of Christ Church & formerly Dr. Freind's scholar, might be dean, upon which Caroline said it was promised, and the person it seems it was promised to was Dr. Conybeare, a man who makes a great Stir in the College at present, pretending to great matters, such as locking up the gates at nine Clock at night, having the keys brought up to him, turning out young women from being bedmakers, having the kitchen (which he visits) cleansed, and I know not what, aiming at a wonderfull character, even to exceed that truly great man Bishop Fell, to whom he is not in the 20 least to be compared, as neither is he to Dean Aldrich, nor Dean Atterbury, nor even Dean Smalridge.

Mar. 9 (Fri.). Mr. Willis returned from Rycot to Oxford on Tuesday, but he did nor see there the Register or Chartulary of Nutley Abbey, Mr. Lydall being not then there, who hath got the key. This Mr. Lydall is the same that is Rector of Wightham and Stanlake, & stood to be Head of Magdalen College, of which he was Fellow, and of which he is still Divinity Reader. It is he that manages my Lord's Estate.

Mr. Willis hath a picture done in miniature of his Lady (who hath been dead some years) & set in gold, which cost him about 8 guineas. It was 30 done when they were married. She was a fine woman and 'tis very like her.

Mar. 10 (Sat.). Martin Folkes Esq. is very curious in many parts of Learning, such as inscriptions on old stones and coins, Natural History, Statuary, Printing, Engraving &c.

Mr. Willis in one of his Books (I think 'tis that about Hereford) hath taken occasion to reflect upon one of the Harleys, an ancestor of the present Earl of Oxford, which my Lord near three years ago told me is down right false, & since that he will not (as Mr. Willis told me himself) admitt Mr. Willis into his company, nay Mr. Willis told me, he would not 40 some time since admitt him into his house, when he called at his Lordship's seat at Wimpole to see him. Mr. Willis is likewise denied admission into some other companies, for several reasons.

School (Rawl. 28. 128). Dr. Frewin who formerly received & paid for N.'s books, says they are in future to be sent to Mr. Lewis of Ch. Church. H. proposes to send to him N.'s copy of Otterbourne. Congratulates N. on being made Chief Master.

Yesterday, as I was taking my country walk, meeting Mr. Reynolds of Corpus Christi, who is now rector of Childrey near Wantage in Berks., I told him I understood there was a monument erected in the cloysters of Corpus Christi to the memory of the late Mr. Porter, who had been Fellow of that College, but died and was buried at his Parsonage in Lincolnshire. He said there was, and that the College got about two hundred libs. after debts and other expenses were paid, by Mr. Porter's death, Mr. Porter having made the President and Fellows his Executors. He said, the Epitaph was made by Mr. Burton, & that what he said in it was true, 10 only he was a little too lavish in his character. Upon which I said 'twas the common fault, & is a scandalous custom, & that History was not to be taken from Epitaphs, Funeral Orations &c. He said my observation was just.

I copied the following note from a note, transcribed from before a copy of *The Whole Duty of Man*. Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. communicated the said transcript this morning, saying that the note was wrote by Mr. Buckeridge, a gentleman, who lived somewhere about Windsor, and dyed but lately. Mr. Loveday added, that Mr. Buckeridge's son (that now has the book) is Gent. Commoner of St. John's Oxford. 'The 20 Author of this book is said to be Archbishop Stern. Dr. Lancaster, a chaplain to the last Bishop of London, Compton, told me his Lordship had been very desirous to reward the author, & no less inquisitive to find him out. He wrote & sent to the Bookseller, to let him know his desire to benefit or prefer the author, but he returned only this answer that the author was one, for whom his Lordship could do nothing; this made it to be reported by some that he was a papist, & believed by others that it was the Lady Packington, in whose closet a manuscript of it was found. Mr. Gildon in print ascribes it to her, but he might as well have affirmed that Sir J. Packington wrote the bible. The same Dr. told me that the 30 Bishop of London from some intimations he had received asked the Archbishop, in the most friendly manner, whether he was not the author of it, to which question his Grace would make no reply.'

Mr. Browne Willis, related to Bishop Fell, who printed this Author's works, set me in some sort right in this matter upon very good information, viz. that Bishop Chapel of Cork & Ross in Ireland wrote these works in his retirement in one of our northern counties, of which he was a native, after his expulsion from his See. He was a very pious & resigned man, allied in friendship to Dr. Stern, with whom he deposited his papers, strictly injoyning the concealment of his name, if ever they 40 were made public. Stern used to read this book to his Pupils in Oliver's time & suffered Lady Packington to copy it, then consulting Bishop Fell about printing the Author's works, both resolving to keep the secret committed to 'em. Chapel was dead, when Bishop Compton made offers to prefer the author, and Stern was then in high station; this made both the Bishop and Dr. Lancaster conclude he was the author, & his not declaring, whether he was or not, confirmed them in the opinion that he really was.

Mar. 11 (Sun.). There is no doubt but Bishop Chappel was a man of extraordinary piety, sanctity and Learning, and therefore I

should think him able to write *The Whole Duty of Man*. But then if one and the same man wrote all the pieces, that go under the name of the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, as they are published by Bishop Fell, it is certain that Bishop Chappell could not be author. For (as may appear from his Life, written excellently well, shewing him to have been a man of exceeding humility & of an excellent Latin pen, as the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man* was of an English one, the one stile indeed agreeing to the other, that I have published in the Vth volume of Leland's Collectanea) Chappell never was at Rome, whereas the author of these works was there, as himself expressly tells us in the *Lively Oracles*. Besides in these works mention is made of some things that happened after the Restauration, whereas Chappell died in the year 1649. The last thing Bishop Fell published of this Author was the said *Lively Oracles*, which came out in 1678, at which time the Bishop said that had the Author lived longer, he would have compiled what he had begun, *The Government of the Thoughts*, which would have exceeded, if possible, any thing he had done. Now Mr. Woodhead died in that very year 1678, & seems therefore to bid fairest for the honour of these books, if one and the same man did them all, which will appear to any one the more probable, because Mr. Woodhead had certainly been 20 and resided at Rome, tho' if they were written by different men, & the other pieces, distinct from *The Whole Duty of Man*, were altered & compiled *ad libitum*, then Bishop Chappell might have been the writer of *The Whole Duty of Man*, & might also have left other writings, tho' disguised & changed afterwards, either by Archbishop Stern, or Bishop Fell, or some others. Bishop Chappell in his Life seems to have but an indifferent opinion of Archbishop Usher, thinking him & the Bishop of Meath to be false friends. Tho' Bishop Chappell was a great sufferer, and came out of Ireland because of the Approaching troubles, yet perhaps it may not seem so consistent with the great 30 character of the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, that he should, in time of a storm, leave his flock, and not stay with them, & fortify & defend them against the Enemy.

Mar. 12 (Mon.). I have heard a worthy Nonjuror say, when once I talked with him at my room upon this subject, that a clergyman born in England, but preferred in Ireland, where he suffered much, was the Author of *The Whole Duty of Man*. He did not tell me the Clergyman's name, but I have often thought of it, and now find it to be Bishop Chappell, and yet (as I before observed) there are many circumstances to shew that if he were author thereof, yet he could not 40 be author of all the pieces, and yet Bishop Fell hath informed the world, that one and the same man wrote all. I have wrote today to Mr. Baker of Cambridge, to get some account of Bishop Chappell and Archbishop Stern. To reconcile what Bishop Fell hath said, if it be allowed that one and the same person did all, it may be understood of Archbishop Stern, who might modell the several pieces as he pleased, since he had an injunction not to put Bishop Chappell's name to any. *The Whole Duty of Man* (which is the best piece) seems to be writ by just such a man as Bishop Chappell. The Fire of London is mentioned

in one of the other pieces, which Fire happened many years after Bishop Chappel's death. I have put a Querie to Mr. Baker, whether Archbishop Stern was ever at Rome; which question I have also put to him, with respect to Bishop Chappel.

Mar. 13 (Tu.). After all that hath been said, I cannot but think that it must be some one different from Bishop Chappell & Archbishop Stern, & no one more likely than Mr. Woodhead, provided the objections about his being a Roman-Catholick could be easily got over; which I think may be done, if we consider that in the former part of his life, he was most
10 certainly a Protestant, & that even in the latter he was far from being a bigott, or even a rigid Roman Catholick, so far from that, that he was perfectly calm & moderate, & aimed only to find out & to follow the Truth, so as even not to strike in with any thing that was amiss in the Church of Rome.

Mar. 14 (Wed.). Mr. Taylor, the Librarian of Cambridge, hath been in Oxford for some days, with Proposals for Rob. Stephens's Thesaurus. Dr. Martin some years since proposed it, the same Dr. Martin, who did some service in Botany some time ago in Cambridge, & is since married to a daughter of the late Dr. King's of Chelsea, since
20 which, I hear, he goes to the publick churches, whereas before he abstained as a Nonjuror.

The same Work was undertaken many years ago here at Oxford, when Dr. Maunder was Vice-Chancellor by Mr. (afterwards Dr.) Baron, Mr. Strong &c. of Balliol, but 'twas not encouraged.

In the Cotton Library is a MS. of *Cronicon Dunstaple*. The late Bishop of Peterborough, Dr. White Kennett, had seen it there, from whom Mr. Baker of Cambridge had a remarkable passage under the year 1296. The Copy I make use of, in printing this Chronicle (for I am now printing it) is a Transcript of the said Cotton MS. taken by Mr. Wanley, and now
30 belongs to the Earl of Oxford, who hath lent it me. There are many remarkable Passages in it under that year. Which 'tis Mr. Baker means I know not.

Mar. 15 (Thur.). Mr. Wood in the 2nd edition of the Ath. Oxon. under James Parkinson, hath told us that Dr. George Hickes was said to be author of the *History of Passive Obedience*, but he says nothing thereof under Dr. Hickes. Mr. Baker is pretty sure that Dr. Hickes was not the

Mar. 13, 1733. Arthur VanSittart to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 254). Would like Fordun to be sent with Otterbourne.

Mar. 13, 1733. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 356) [see Diary, Mar. 17]. 'I heard last post from Cambridge that Mr. Baker was much better.'

Mar. 13, 1733. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 233) [see Diary, Mar. 19]. 'I acquainted you in one of my letters that Mr. Smith (poor old man) would needs have me to take a guinea of him to send you which I refused to take telling him that he might easily find some opportunity of sending it by some other person, since he knew where you lived. Upon my acquainting you with this, you desired in one of yours to know why he would send you a guinea. He told me it was to shew that he was friends with you and bore you no ill will.'

Author thereof. He hath a compleat Catalogue of the books publisht by him (30 in number). That is not among 'em. Who the true author was, he cannot surely say. He thinks (and so do I) Mr. Seller.

Mr. Baker will remember to look about *Gualtheri Tabulae Siciliae*, whether it be in their Publick Library at Cambridge. Dr. Rawlinson hath been in Sicily, and perhaps can tell, whether it be common there. I am sure 'tis rare in England. This, I know, that I never yet saw but one copy thereof.

Mar. 16 (Fri.). On Monday last (being the 12th inst.) died, after a long illness, Mr. Blackford, a rich baker of St. Peter's in the East Oxon., and was buried yesterday in the afternoon in St. Peter in the East Church Yard. He was 69 years of age, & hath left a widow, & only one child, a son, Mr. John Blackford, a baker, unmarried, now in the 41st year of his Age. He was a close wary man, but honest & very sober. He and his wife used to frequent St. Peter's church constantly in the mornings, but always went to St. Giles's in the afternoons, there being sermons then at St. Giles's, whereas at that time there is none at St. Peter's.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge, about Dr. Robert Mossom, a Cambridge writer, author of *Sion's Prospect in it's first View*, or (as 'tis called in the 2nd Edition) *A Summary of Divine Truths*. 20

Mar. 17 (Sat.). The Earl of Oxford, in his letter from Dover Street of the 13th inst. tells me, Mr. West was misinformed with respect to Mr. Wanley's having no Epitaph. My Lord therefore sent me his Epitaph viz. :—Here lyes | Mr. Humfrey Wanley | Library keeper to the | Right Hon^{ble} ROBERT | and EDWARD Earls of | OXFORD, &c. who | Dyed the 6th day of July | MDCXXXVI in the 55th year | of his Age.

NB. This Stone lyes cross the Passage from the North Door at the distance of 6 ft. 9 inches from it, & on the other side is within 6 inches of the Communion Rails.

He is buried in the Church of Marybone or St. Mary-le-bonne, or rather (as my Lord Oxford insinuates, and I agree) St. Mary le Bourne. *Tyburne* or *Twabourne* is not far from it. The Church or Chappel stood much nearer to the road than at present it does.

The Stone was laid down at my Lord's charge, the Funeral was at the expence of his Widow. My Lord designs to put up a Monument for him. He hath a design for it drawn by Mr. Gibbs. The Inscription is not yet made.

My Lord desires I would keep the MSS. I have of his Lordship's, viz. The Annals of Dunstaple, the Chartulary of Dunstaple and Benedictus Abbas's Hist. of Hen. II, as long as it is convenient to me. 40

Mar. 18 (Sun.). Dr. Mossom's book abovementioned (Mar. 16) is thus entit. :—*Sion's Prospect in its first View*, Presented in a Summary of Divine Truths, consenting with the Faith professed by the Church of

Mar. 17, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 106) [see Diary, Mar. 23, 24, 27, 28].

Mar. 17, 1733. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 283) [see Diary, Mar. 20].

England, confirmed from Scripture and Reason, Illustrated by Instance and Allusion, Composed and Published to be an Help for the prevention of Apostacy, Conviction of Heresy, Confutation of Error, and Establishing in the Truth, By a Minister of Christ, and Son of the Church, R. M. quondam e Collegio S. P. C.; Lond. 1653, 4^{to}. 'Tis dedicated to the Right Honourable Henry Marquess of Dorchester, Earl of Kingston &c. Dated from Richmond in Surrey, pridie Non. Maii 1651. The Author subscribes his names at length, as he does likewise at the bottom of the Preface. 'Tis a good Book. This Robert Mosson (*sic*) D.D. was
 10 installed Preb. of Knaresburg in the Church of York Feb. 19, 1662, became also Dean of Ch. Ch. in Dublin, was appointed Lord Bishop of Derry, Mar. 26, 1666, & consecrated Ap., following. See Ware's Bishops of Ireland under R. M., & Wood's Athenae vol. 2, col. 604, 605, ed. 2.

The said Book was reprinted in 8^{vo}, 1711, at London, the Title-Page curtailed and altered, without the Dedication, author's name, or any notice of it's having been printed before, R. M. only at the end of the Preface, in which are also some slight alterations.

Mar. 19 (Mon.). Mr. Constable never heard of Mr. Abraham Wood-
 20 head's benefactions to Univ. Coll. till I sent them him, but those of Mr. Ob. Walker he met with in Mr. William Smith's MSS., who also communicated to him, and made him a present of, some few Original letters of Mr. Walker's.

Mr. Constable cannot find any thing relating to Richard de Morins, nor does he know where well to look for that monkish historian.

Mr. Constable intended last summer to have gone to the place, where Mr. Woodhead was born, to inquire all he could of him, but was hindered by business, as he was from visiting Oxford, nor does he know whether he shall do it this year; but if he lives he is resolved to visit Oxford some
 30 time or other, and then (saith he, in his letter to me from Burton Constable in Yorkshire of the 13th inst.) *I shall think it a great happiness to be more acquainted with you, whom I much esteem for your worth, learning and great industry.*

Mar. 20 (Tu.). Mr. Ward of Warwick, desires to know of me, whether I have seen a little old Poem called *The Hermit's Tale*. His letter dated Mar. 17, 1732. He does not say whether it be printed or written. I suppose printed. 'Tis probable I may have seen such a thing, tho' I cannot recollect for certain. This I am sure of, that some

Mar. 20, 1733. H. to Cuthbert Constable (Rawl. 27 B. 234). Has sent four copies of Otterbourne for C. to Mr. Heath's, next door to the Fountain Tavern in the Strand. 'I am as much friends with Mr. Smith as he can desire, and bear him no manner of ill will.'

Mar. 20, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 52. 79). Sends the copies of Otterbourne; has got a 'pretty way' with the Chronicle of Dunstaple.

Mar. 20, 1733. H. to Ralph Bridges, Vicar of Southwold near Burntwood, Essex (Rawl. 28. 129). Sends him an advertisement of *The Chronicle of Dunstaple*, now in preparation. Wishes to know whether any one

years since I saw and read *The Description of an Hermite* in MS., but 'twas modern, as I remember, and no author's name was to it.

Mar. 21 (Wed.). I hear of a very charitable Roman Catholick, living near Watlington,¹ to whom the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. John Potter) hath lately written a letter, signifying that the Gentleman's charity was only to gain Proselytes to the Church of Rome. The Gentleman sent an answer in writing, that 'twas no manner of design to gain over Proselytes, and that let the Bishop do what he would, he was resolved, as far as he was able, to persist in his Charities. Thus such stingy Prelates as Potter will neither do charity themselves, nor permitt other to do it.

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Mar. 22 (Thur.). Sir Rob. Walpole, Statesman to K. George I and II, was chosen from Eaton School to be scholar of King's College in 1695. Afterwards he became Fellow of King's College. He is a wicked man, & imployed to do all the dirty tricks that can be thought of to enrich miserably covetous Princes, and to drain the Subject. He is said to be a man of parts, and of a calm temper, but of little or no Learning.

On Tuesday last died suddenly Mr. Bedford, a glazier of Oxford. He died upwards of 70. He was an ingenious man, & brother to Mr. Bedford, author of the late book in Chronology in folio, which some have cryed up as a great performance.

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Mar. 23 (Good Friday). Mr. Baker of Cambridge knows little of William Chappell, Bishop of Cork &c. besides what is in his Life, as

has set about the MSS. of B.'s late brother, relating to Northamptonshire, so as to print them for the public service of learning.

Mar. 20, 1733. H. to Sir Thomas Sebright (Rawl. 28. 128). Has for S. two copies of Trokelowe, Caius, Hemingforde and Otterbourne, for which the payment due is £11 0 6. Wishes to know if he will subscribe for The Chronicle of Dunstable. 'No manner of care being taken about calling for your other books, makes me a little dubious.'

Mar. 20, 1733. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 297). Sends nine copies of Otterbourne.

Mar. 21, 1733. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 21). Thanks for information about Mr. Canning; does not know what the Chartae Antiquae are.

Mar. 22, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 339) [see Diary, Mar. 30, 31]. 'Your subscriber Samuel Mead Esq. died on Tuesday last.'

Mar. 22, 1733. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 366). Has received the parcel. Wishes to know what he owes H. 'I hear that worthy great man Master Baker is much better. It is great pitty you cannot find time to see him. I think you should, if possible, wait upon him. He deserves it.'

Mar. 22, 1733. Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 9. 97). Has received the books and subscribes for the Annals of Dunstable.

Mar. 23, 1733. Arthur Vansittart, Ormond St., to H. (Rawl. 17. 30). Has received Otterbourne; will subscribe for the Chronicle of Dunstable.

¹ A branch of the Stonors lived at Watlington Park. One of them gave a bell to Watlington Church about 1660 and built the Market Hall which is still standing.

printed by me in Leland's Collectanea. He was born at Maunsfeld in Nottinghamshire (where Archbishop Sterne was likewise born, who was his friend and acquaintance) & if what is said from that Archbishop & others be truly reported, Mr. Baker thinks it may give him as good a Title to be deemed the author of *The Whole Duty of Man* as several others, that have been named for it. Indeed I will grant this, had this been the only book published as the Author's whoever he was, but since there are several besides, and Bishop Fell hath assured us, that they are all genuine, & that these and *The Whole Duty of Man* were written by one and the same person, I cannot see how we may with any certainty, or indeed probability, say Chappell (however otherwise qualified) could be author, without making Bishop Fell guilty of a very manifest imposition upon the world. In the Preface to *The Causes of the decay of Christian Piety* is mention of the great Pestilence & of the dismal Fire of London; but it may be 'twill be said that Preface was not wrote by the Author, but by some one else, who tells us, that the Author had written this tract some years before it appeared in the world. But these words of the Preface *In order to which this light Tract offers it's feeble, yet wellmeant aids*, plainly shew that the author of the Tract was likewise author of the Preface, it being altogether unlikely, that a different person would have called it a slight Tract. In sect. vii of *The Lively Oracles* are these words, *I would not be hasty in charging Idolatry upon the Church of Rome, or all in her Communion; but that their Image worship is a most fatal snare, in which vast numbers of unhappy souls are taken, no man can doubt, who hath with any regard travailed in Popish Countries. I myself and thousands of others, whom the late troubles, or other occasions sent abroad, are and have been witnesses thereof*. This seems to have been spoke by one, that had been at Rome, and forced into those countries after the troubles broke out here. But as for Chappell, he never was at Rome or in any of those countries. And tho' he was many years in Ireland, yet it was before the troubles broke out, so that he was so far from being forced hence by those troubles, that 'twas the very troubles, at that time beginning to rage in Ireland, that brought him back into England, nor does the Author of the Passage, I have transcribed, seem at all to mean Ireland, as one of his Popish countries. And after Chappell came into England (which was in 1641) he lived all the time of the troubles very privately in England, without stirring into any foreign country, and died in this his Privacy anno 1649.

The sermon before the cooks of Oxford was preached this afternoon 40 in St. Peter's church in the East by Mr. Browne, of Queen's College, the Master Cook being Mr. Anderson, head cook of that College. The said Browne published Barberinus's poems, printed at the Theater.

Mar. 24 (Sat.). On Tuesday last died my friend Samuel Mead, Esq., elder brother of Dr. Mead, to whom I am so much obliged on many

Mar. 24, 1733. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 181). The Hereford carrier has left off going to Oxford, as he got nothing by his journeys. In future books, should be sent by the Worcester carrier to Mr. Samuel Mountfort, bookseller, High Street, Worcester. 'In my time the Worcester Carrier

accounts. This Samuel Mead was a most eminent common Lawyer. He had been once a Presbyterian, & a Preacher among that Sect, but finding his errors, he left them, and became a friend to distressed members of the Church of England, of which himself died a member. The famous Graevius of Holland had a respect for him.

John Chappell, brother of the before-mentioned William Chappell, was a learned man, and was likewise born at Maunsfeld, as said of both by Thoroton in *Nottinghamshire*, pag. 273. Bishop Chappell (the said William) was buried at Bildesthorp in that county, where he spent part or most of his life during the Rebellion with Gilbert Benet, Rector of 10 that church; *ibid.* pag. 368. Nothing is there said of any inscription or monument, tho' Thoroton has done that right for several of less note, and therefore it may be presumed he has none, and that he prohibited any such memorial to be put over him. Mr. Baker will enquire further by a friend of that county. According to Mr. Baker's Catalogue, he was elected Fellow of Christ's College Cambridge anno 1606, where he proceeded Master of Arts the same year.

If you will take Bishop Chappell's character from Mr. Prynne, you have it in *Canterburies Doome* pag. 359, where it is said:—*He (Archbishop Laud) promoted Master Chapple, the archest and most notorious 20 Arminian in the University of Cambridge, who leavened all his Pupils and many hopefull Schollers with Arminianisme (as Mr. Walker and others witnessed) to the Provost-ship & Government of the Colledge & University of Dublin in Ireland, & more to that purpose both there and at page 178 & 533.* The Archbishop's answer you have, in his Defence, as published by Mr. Wharton, pag. 369.

Mar. 25 (Easter Sunday). Archbishop Sterne was admitted in matriculam Acad. Cant. Coll. Trin., Jul. 8, 1611, proceeded Master of Arts in the same College anno 1618, was after Fellow of Corp. Chr. Coll., and after that Master of Jesus, to which two last Colleges he was a Bene- 30 factor. You have a large account of him in Mr. Le Neve's *Lives & Characters of the Archbishops of Cant. & York*, pag. 241. Mr. Baker is pretty sure, that neither Bishop Chappell nor Archbishop Stern was ever at Rome. Archbishop Stern was a very loyal, honest man, but I think not capable of writing *The Whole Duty of Man* &c.

Mar. 26 (Mon.). Yesterday the Sermon before the Univ. was preached at St. Peter's in the East by Mr. Smith of St. John's College. The Sermon before the Univ. was preached today at St. Marie's by Mr. Langford of Hart Hall.

Sir James Ware's account of Bishop Usher's successor at Meath, Antonius 40 Martin. 'Antonius Martin, S. Theologiae Doctor Dubliniensis, Decanus Waterfordiensis, consecratus est Dublinii in ecclesia S. Patricii, Julii 5, 1625, a Lanceloto Archiepiscopo Dublinensi, Guilielmo Archiepiscopo Tuamensi et Guilielmo Darensi episcopis. Natus is fuit Galviae, educatus partim in Gallia, partim Cantabrigiae, in Collegio Emanuelis, in

did put up at the Starre and Garter in the High Street, Oxford. 'Because I knew you would not go to a Tavern, I sent by them a shilling to be dissolved in good ale in a black pot' [*see Diary, Mar. 29*].

Patriam reversus, in numerum sociorum cooptatus est collegii sancte Trinitatis juxta Dublin, ubi et ego tunc adolescens Philosophiam eum praelegentem audiui, quod gratitudinis ergo libenter memoro. Obiit in dicto collegio, cuius Prepositus fuit, mense Julii 1650, ex Peste tunc Dublinii grassante, et in sacello collegii sepultus est.' This is the man, as well as Archbishop Usher, that proved a sly Enemy to that good man Bishop Chappell, of which he himself complains in his Life of himself (that I printed in Leland's Collectanea vol. v) pag. 266.

Mar. 27 (Tu.). This day the Sermon before the Univ. was preached
 10 at St. Marie's by Mr. Westley of Linc. Coll.

Dr. Winch Holdsworth of St. John's Coll. was eight years standing when he took the Degree of M.A., Ap. 27, 1703.

Mr. Baker tells me, that if I print the Chronicle of Dunstaple from Mr. Wanley, he was so exact a man, that his copies are next to originals. The Passage Mr. Baker mentioned out of that Chronicle from Bishop Kennet was concerning the Contribution, demanded of the Clergy by the King, & upon their refusing or delaying to pay it, his seizing or confiscating their goods and Preferments. This Passage is in Mr. Wanley's transcript of the Chronicle. Mr. Baker did not send it in the original
 20 words from Bishop Kennet's transcript, judging it not at all necessary, since I had Mr. Wanley's copy. Mr. Baker's words on the occasion are, *But tho' the Bishop was a very accurate man, I dare not prefer him to Mr. Wanley.*

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Mar. 28, 1733 (Wed.). On Friday, March 23, last died Dr. Jos. Steadman, a great Tutor lately in Queen's College Oxon., of which Place he made some interest to be Provost, upon the death of Dr. Gibson, but relinquished his interest to Dr. Smith, who thereupon became Provost. He died of the dead Palsy. He was a sober man, and bore a good character in other respects.

30 Some time ago Mr. West told me of Mr. Murray & Mr. Vertue's going to Cambridge, to steal Mr. Baker's face. And since that Mr. West told me he [Mr. West] had got father Baker's picture; [Mr. Baker is called Father by Bishop Tanner and some others], but Mr. West is the only person, that ever mentioned such a picture or print to me. Knowing Mr. Baker to be a modest man, I was therefore unwilling to mention it to him, nor indeed did I 'till yesterday, when I wrote to him in answer to his letter of 17th in which he tells me, that if I hear of a picture or print, that bears his name (for he can hardly suppose it will come to Oxford) he desires, I will believe, he had not vanity enough to countenance
 40 such a design. When Mr. Baker first heard of it, he discouraged it as much as possible, & he says 'tis so unlike the original that they that have seen him, will not easily believe, he sat for it. *It was taken (says he) in the same manner that yours was, but not by so skilfull a hand.*

Dr. Steadman was Rector of Bramston and Lippock¹ in Hampshire.

¹ Bramshot and Liphook, are meant.—Ed.

Mar. 29 (Thur.). I was told last night by Mr. Crowe of Univ. Coll. that my late friend the Hon. Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq. left a great many Curiosities behind him, and that they are in the hands of his brother Cecil Calvert Esq., born Oct. 1, 1702; see Vol. 82, p. 129.

The said Mr. Crowe, a young Gentleman, is Brother in law to the said Ben. L. Calvert by the same Mother, who was a very fine Woman; see *ibid.*

Mr^s. Jane Calvert, sister of B. L. Calvert, now the wife of Mr. Hyde of Kingston Lisle in Berks, was born Nov. 13, 1703. She hath half a dozen children by Mr. Hyde, as Mr. Crowe told me last night. 10

Mr. Crowe insinuated, as if several of Mr. Calvert's collections and papers were proper to be printed. I have a very good letter of Mr. Calvert's, that he wrote to me from Maryland March 18, 1728-9. I think it fit to be printed at some time or other.

Mr. Crowe told me, at my asking, that Mr. Calvert made no will, at least if he did, they could not find it.

Joan Cook, widow of Mr. Michael Cook, maulster, in St. Thomas's parish Oxford, died in 1732, aged about 100, and is buried in St. Thomas's Church Yard.

On Friday March 16 instant, which was a most dismal windy day, ²⁰ & the afternoon nothing but wind, rain, snow & hail, while I was upon my walk, called at Edmund Hall for me, & left a letter there from Mr. Brome, two very worthy Gentlemen, Mr. Symonds & Mr. Gwyllim, near relations of Mr. Browne Willis. But they vanished, & I did not see them, what I should have been glad of, there being not any worthier persons in all Herefordshire than they are. Mr. Symonds, whom Mr. Willis calls Dr., is an extraordinary genius, well skilled *inter alia* in Physic; & deserves the Doctorate better than one half of the Faculty honoured with that Degree. Mr. Brome sent by them a shilling (a William's one) which I found with the letter. He sent this shilling ³⁰ to be dissolved in good Ale in a black pot; and he assures me since [in his Letter of Mar. 24], I should have been much pleased with the conversation of those Gentlemen, if there had been the mutual Satisfaction of a meeting.

I have formerly observed the walls at Silchester to be at least six yards in thickness. Pliny in his epistles, X no. 48, observes that the walls of the Theatre building at Nicea were 22 feet broad or thick, and yet would not do.

Mar. 30 (Fri.). On Saturday last, Mar. 24, one Mary Harris was drowned in a ditch by Rewly, as she was reaching water. Several ⁴⁰ others were formerly drowned in the same manner at that place. She was about sixty four years of age, and had been a very pretty body & sensible, but grew crazed upon the death of her son by her husband, who hath been from her many years, and 'tis not known whether he be living or dead. She used to be shaved about once a month, as men are,

Mar. 29, 1733. A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 11. 104). Has received Otterbourne; subscribes for the Annals of Dunstable.

she being a neat woman, & she would go into any Barber's shop for that end, where she was shaved readily for nothing.

[Not so. She was in the workhouse of St. Thomas's parish, and going out in the morning to wash her hands and face in a little brook or river under the workhouse, she fell in, & was drowned, & was not taken up nor found till Thurs. April 5, 1733, when they found her by Osney Mill.]

On pag. 56 of the third volume of Mr. Tyrrell's History of England, he quotes in the *Margin Chron. de Dunstaple* MS. in Bib. Cot., for an authority for the Fines set upon several of the Judges for Corruption, anno 1289. Mr. Tyrrel gives no account of this MS. in his Dissertation or Prefaces relating to the Authors, from whence he compiled his third Volume.

Mar. 31 (Sat.). Mr. West in his letter of the 22nd mentions a journey he had just before taken to the Bath, to see his eldest sister, then sick, but was soon drove back again to London by her Immature Death. She is the same, that I formerly mentioned to be married to Mr. Rasure or Razer, a merchant. They were married June 10, 1730. Her name was Mary. She died in the 25th year of her age. See Vol. 127, p. 78.

10 A Gentlewoman of about 27 years of age, a little inclined to be fatt, was in the year 1672 troubled with a swelling in the Uvula about 3 quarters of a year. The pain arising from it at first was more acute, & a little inclined to inflammation, which some time after for the most part was gone; but the swelling continued the same, & did hang down so far into the throat, as in some postures to disturb her rest & repose. The Quære was, what would cure it. Dr. Holton, the late Provost of Queen's Coll. Oxon. put it down in an Almanack, but did not tell what was the cure.

April 1 (Sun.). The Repeater of the Easter Sermons before the 30 University this day, was Mr. Westley (that preached the last of them) at St. Marie's.

Mr. Brome's large Paper Godwyn de Praesulibus with Dr. Hutton's MSS. notes had belonged to Dr. Byssie, Bp of St. David's and afterwards Bishop of Hereford.

Yesterday died Mr. Viner of St. Peter's in the Bailly Oxford, a very honest man, and a most famous old Ringer. He kept a victualling House, & no House was more frequented than his, for the honesty (both with respect to eatables and drinkables) there used, particularly some years ago before the infirmities of old age seized him, & as long as his 40 wife (a most notable woman) lived.

April 2 (Mon.). Mr. Westley repeated yesterday very well, as I hear.

Mar. 31, 1733. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 314). Has received Otterbourne; subscribes for Annals of Dunstable.

April 2, 1733. Richard Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 167). 'The History of Passive Obedience, I am assured, was the work of Mr. Seller, and this I have not only from the papers Mr. Gandy putt into my hands relating to

Dr. Butler, President of Magd. Coll. hath made a very near Relation of Dr. Holmes President of St. John's chorister of Magd. Coll. at the desire of Dr. Holmes, which shews that both these Presidents are very great together, notwithstanding some have alleged the contrary.

April 3 (Tu.). On June 14, 1724, I lent Mr. Whiteside of the Ashm. Museum two printed papers of Dr. Plot's, one relating to his Design of Staffordshire, the other of his designed Natural History of Kent and other parts of England, but they were never restored me.

On Saturday last was a Convocation at 2 Clock afternoon, for discommuning Mr. Dawson, that keeps the Crown Tavern in the Corn 10 Market in Oxford, he having no Licence from the University so to do, and accordingly he stands discommuned.

April 4 (Wed.). My lady Baltemore, mother of my late friend the Hon. Ben. L. Calvert Esq. got her death by a bout of dancing. She was a very fat woman, and very tall (above six foot high) and very handsome, yet withall very nimble and active, & using great agility that night in dancing, tho' she went to bed extraordinary well, and slept extraordinary well, yet an alteration followed next day, and she continued languishing more than a month, & then died. So I was told last night by her son (by her second husband) Mr. Crowe, a Commoner of Univ. College, who 20 added, her Epitaph was made by Ben. before mentioned, but that it being too long by much for the marble, it was shortened, & being so shortened 'tis now upon the monument. She died in the 42 year of her age. I have an account of her before.

This day was a Convocation at two Clock in the afternoon, when Mr. Hutchins of Lincoln College and Mr. Wynne of All Souls College

the Nonjurors, their works &c., but from living witnesses. I have enclosed for you the scheme Mr. G. went upon, which has very well answered, and indeed without such particularities, the materials collected had never been so great, and care shall be taken that they be consigned for improvement to faithfull hands, for their appearance in an age that may bear them. As of Mr. Leake's father I find some imperfect notes, I should be glad you'd communicate this to him, which he may answer or not as he thinks fit' [see Diary, April 27, 28]. 'Mr. Howell who died in Newgate had laboured in the same vineyard and his collections from the same hand are come into my possession.' Mr. Carte, son of the vicar of Leicester, is collecting materials for the lives of the Dukes of Ormond. An account of Carte's previous history. Thomas, brother of Mr. Carte, an attorney, is publishing Sir Thomas White's celebrated deed of a charity from an original at Coventry. 'Abbot Strickland, BP. of Namur in Flanders, whom I knew abroad, is come here, as said, in a publick character from the Archdutchess to this Court, but rather to act in a more publick manner his episcopal functions for the comfort of Catholicks, of which many, very many, are friends to the present Constitution, and I hear officiate publicly in their chappells as a foreign Prelate.'

April 2, 1733. Rich. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 170). 'After Dr. Bedtord & self had packt up this parcel of books &c., it came into my head to ask you one question which I know not whether you'll think fit to answer, and that is your planing in relation to what you have said about Mr. Walden.' Hears that Mr. West is to stand for Banbury.

April 3, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 108). Subscribes for Chron. Dunstapl. [see Diary, April 10, 11].

laid down their office of Proctors for 1732, and Mr. Eden of University College and Mr. Edgecumbe of Exeter College succeeded them in that office for this year 1733.

April 5 (Thur.).

On Mar. 23 last died, the Rev. Dr. Steadman, Domestick Chaplain to the Lord Bishop of London [Dr. Gibson], Rector of Bramshot in Hampshire, and Prebendary of St. Paul's. He was sometime Fellow of Queen's College Oxford, where he stood a Candidate for the Headship, when vacant by the death of the late Provost, Dr. Gibson; in which Proceeding he plainly shewed how much he
 10 preferred the Peace of the College to his own private Interest. He resided many years a member in that University, where he had laid in a Stock of all useful Learning; and besides an intimate knowledge in his own Profession, had acquired great Skill in the two Sciences of Natural Philosophy and Mathematicks. In his Friendships he was open and sincere, and ever made those proper Allowances without which no Friendship can long subsist. In doing a good Office he always conferred a Double Obligation on the Person obliged by his handsome and generous Manner of performing it. In Conversation he was easy and cheerful, spoke what was proper upon any Subject, and no more.
 20 His Breeding consisted not in a Bow or a Cringe, but in the more essential Part of good Manners, an even and obliging Temper, which in the younger Part of his Life was naturally warm; but Reason and Religion had entirely subdued it. He kept up the Dignity of his Profession by doing nothing unworthy of it. In short, he was a man of an excellent Disposition, a clear Head, and an honest Heart; and to compleat all in every Article of his Life, he shewed himself a good Christian.

NB. The said Account I took from the News Papers. I suppose it might have been penned by Mr. Fothergill of Queen's College, whom the Dr. made his Executor.

April 6 (Fri.). The Cathedral of Glasgow is dedicated to St. *Mungo*,
 30 so *Kentigern* is commonly called, says Spotswood p. 10, 11, 112, edit. 3rd. See also Harpesfeild's Hist. Anglic. Eccles. p. 43. Over a south door of the church is this inscription, each letter a Capital:—Dedicata Fuit Haec | Ecclesia Glasguensis | Anno Domini Millesimo | Centesimo Nonagesimo | Septimo Pridie | Calendas Junii. [Mr. Loveday, Feb. 19, 1732.]

April 7 (Sat.). By the Gallows, just out of the town of Glasgow, is a Tomb with this Inscription:—Here lys James Nisbit who | suffered Martyrdom at this | Place June y^e 5, 1684 | And James Lawson And | Alexander Wood who | suffered Martyrdom | October y^e 24, 1684, for
 40 their | Adherence to the word of | God and Scotland's cove[n]anted work of Reforma[tion] here lys Martyrs three | of memory, who for the | covenants did dy and | Witness is against all these | Nations Perjury | Finis.

On the right hand of the road, before we came to Kilsyth, saith Mr. Loveday (which is in the Shire of Stirling, and about 9 miles from Glasgow) we saw another Tombstone with an Inscription of the same kind as the foregoing.

April 7, 1733. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 244). Has received the books.

'Tis something remarkable, that there should be two Crosses at the bottom, since that kind of people so much cry against Popery upon account of Crosses &c.

April 8 (Sun.). Mr. Graham, one of the ministers of the meeting-house at Glasgow, told Mr. Loveday that Mr. Duncan, the other minister, is a consecrated Bishop, that he was then (viz. last year when Mr. Loveday was there) 77 years old, afflicted with the Asthma and Palsie, [yet Mr. Loveday heard him preach on a Sunday morning] that he suffered much from the fury of the fanatic mob at the change of Church-Government, & that Robert Duncan of Balliol Coll. was his son.

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The said Robert Duncan of Balliol College I knew very well. He was a good scholar, a man of great Courage and Honesty, and died very poor in London, as I have mentioned formerly. He was M.A. and had been an Exhibitioner at Balliol College.

From Stirling Castle you have a view of a most fruitful extensive Valley, very beautifully and as wonderfully meandered by the Forth; this River winds about so much as to make it 24 miles by water to Alloa, whereas it is but 4 by land. And this Mr. Ruddiman told Mr. Loveday he might depend upon as truth.

April 9 (Mon.). The man of Ross in Herefordshire, whose true surname was Kirle, was never married. He was a very humble, good natured man. He was a man of little or no literature. He always studied to do what good charitable offices he could, and was always pleased when an object offered. He was revered and respected by all people. He used to drink and entertain with cider, and was a sober, discreet man. He would tell people when they dined or supped with him, that he could (if they pleased) let them have wine to drink, but that his own drink was Cider, & that he found it most agreeable to him, and he did not care to be extravagant with his small Fortune. His Estate was five hundred Pounds per annum, & no more, with which he did wonders. He built & endowed an Hospital, & built the spire of Ross. When any litigious suits fell out, he would always stop them & prevent people going to Law. They would when differences happened say *Go to the great man of Ross* or, which they did more often, *Go to the Man of Ross, & he will decide the matter.* He left a nephew, a man good for little or nothing. He would have given all from him, but a good deal entailed, he could not. He smoked Tobacco, and would generally smoke two Pipes if in company either at home or elsewhere.

April 10 (Tu.). Yesterday in Convocation at 2 Clock in the afternoon, the Duke of Leeds, a young nobleman of Christ Church who is 40 going to travel was created Dr. of Law.

Mr. Baker had heard so much in favor of Bishop Chappell, that he was inclined to believe him to have been the author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, had not a letter I wrote very lately to him robbed him (as well as some others) of that Title, so that we are yet in the dark, as to that Author.

Indeed I did write express to Mr. Baker to show that 'twas impossible he should be author, provided all the pieces were wrote by one and the

same man, as Bishop Fell assures us they were, otherwise were *The Whole Duty of Man* the only piece contended for, I should very readily grant Bishop Chappell to have a most just Title.

April 11 (Wed.). From Mr. Baker, Ap. 3, 1733:—Rob. Mossom was of Peter-House [in Cambridge], where he takes his Degree of Bac. of Arts anno 1634, Master of Arts anno 1638, the same year with Jos. Beaumont & Ric. Crashawe, two noted men, & sufferers of the same College, which I mention, because he appears to have been a great Royalist, by translating Anti-Paraeus (a book wrote of Dr. Owen a Cambridge Man) printed at York anno 1642, licensed by H. Cumberland, & dedicated to Sir Thomas Glemham, Governor of the City of York, in a very Loyall Epistle. As a reward of his Loyalty, he is one of the first, that has a Degree conferred of Dr. of Divinity by a Mandat, dated 21 July, 1660.

April 12 (Thur.). On Thursday Mar. 29 last an unhappy accident happened at Farmer Willis's of Northcott, within two miles of Reading, occasioned by the Lightning forcing itself thro' the Top of a Barn where a man was threshing, and fell between his Arms (without his receiving any Harm) setting the Barn on fire, and consuming it with about 26 quarters
20 of barley; also another Barn and two ricks of straw, a waggon, a cart and carthouse, a plough, and other implements of husbandry. The damage is computed at about two hundred pounds. This is the account we have in the Prints, and I have heard of it from private hands. 'Twas with us at Oxford that day a fine hot day, but in the evening was a great Shower. And I hear that day of a very great Rain at London.

Yesterday died of a Consumption Mr. Jo. Ives, an Apothecary, son of Mr. Ives of St. Marie's parish Oxford, Apothecary. This young Mr. Ives was a very good natured young man. He was twice married. His first wife was supposed to have been a great Fortune, but
30 proved to be worth nothing, her father of Great Milton in Oxfordshire (who was thought to have been very rich, being a Grazier) breaking. His second wife (now a widow) is the daughter of a rich man, the Townclerk of Woodstock. By his first wife he had one child, a daughter, now living. This young Ives was about 30 years of age.

April 13 (Fri.). My brother-in-law Daniel Dean's father died Feb. 7 last, aged 88.

Last year were built two houses in the Paddock on the south side of Magd. Bridge Oxford, the first by Mr. Robert Speakman carpenter, the second (viz. the western one by the Physick garden) by Mr. Oliver Wid-
40 drington mason, both of them of St. Peter's parish in the East Oxon.

April 14 (Sat.). Last night Mr. Joseph Ives was buried in St. Marie's church Oxon. He died in the 33rd year of his Age. His second wife (now a widow) is daughter of Mr. Ryves, Townclerk of Woodstock. Mr. Ives had 800 lbs. with her, and had by her one child which is dead.

April 12, 1733. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 102). Sends ten guineas. Will lend H. 'the pleasures of Kenilworth Castle' and Gascoigne's poems [see Diary, May 19].

Mr. William Dodwell tells me by Letter from Shottesbrooke, Feb. 2, 1733² that designing shortly to have published his Father's edition of St. Barnabas, he lately examined all his Papers relating to that work. He thought to have found it finished, correct & ready for the Press, as Dr. Cave in his *Hist. Lit. Vol. 2 p. 12* says it is. There are several heaps of notes under different hands, some in Dr. Bernard's, but not compleat, nor any MS. copy of the Epistle. Mr. Brokesby in his Life of Mr. Dodwell tells us this work was never actually finished. *This (says he) not long before his Death he began to think of, & besides a literal Translation to have added a Paraphrase. Tho' this was never done as I can find, yet I hope the Epistle will within a little Time by help of his Papers and Notes be published.* This Mr. William Dodwell wrote to me, to know in what condition I found his Father's papers at the time of his death. He thinks no part of them can have been lost since. They are not mentioned (he says) in the catalogue of his MSS. which is under my hand. He supposes there must be some particular reason for that, & hopes therefore I may remember a more exact account of them.

April 15 (Sun.). Sir Robert Walpole, King George's Statesman, having received a very great disappointment last Wednesday in the Parliament House, with respect to an unheard of Tax he had projected upon Tobacco and Wine &c., there was such rejoicings in London at it, that the like hath not been heard, and the news thereof being brought to Oxford late at night on Thursday night following Ap. 12, the Bells rung from between ten and eleven Clock that night, till two or three in the morning at most of the Parish Churches, & there were Bonfires also. Likewise the next day at night and yesterday at night were Bonfires, throwing of Serpents, and other rejoicings in Oxford upon this occasion. But the Vice-chancellor and Mayor last night prohibited these proceedings.

April 16 (Mon.). Mr. William Dodwell in his Letter above-mentioned tells me, he should be glad to know why his father deferred publishing his edition of Barnabas so many years, after the Prolegomena were finished, or what orders he left concerning this work at his death. Mr. Brokesby says, *He deferred the publishing thereof by reason of the Wars, and thereby want of intercourse with foreigners, without which such works would not be vendible.* But then he should be desirous to be informed, why he did not finish it, when the wars were ended, or why he left it not in my hands, or else in the hands of some other learned friends, to perfect and publish it soon after his death. He desires, that I would methodize the papers and assist in the Edition. *I heartily wish (says he) your Time & Business could permit you to view & dispose the Order of these Papers. Your great Acquaintance with the Language & Antiquity of such Writings, & your excellent Judgment in these Things would be of great Advantage & Assistance to me in this Edition, to which I propose myself to prefix a Preface & Dedication. As I should be extremely ready to acknowledge the obligation, I should be*

April 15, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 110) [see Diary, April 19, 21].

April 16, 1733. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 119) [see Diary, May 17]. Subscribes for H.'s next work 'which you say is pretty far advanced at the press'.

heartily willing to make you proper Satisfaction for your Time and Labour.

April 17 (Tu.). It was odd that the said Mr. William Dodwell should write to me, when he hardly ever came near me all the time he was of the University, notwithstanding he knew how intimate I was with his father. But both he and his elder brother, who was of Magd. Coll., as this was of Trinity College, studiously avoided the conversation of those that had been acquainted with, and were friends to, their father, being directed, it may be, so to do, on purpose that they might imbibe bad
 10 Principles, such as their father abhorred. But be the reason what it will, I judged it proper to write an answer, a copy of which I shall subjoyn, first of all noting, that I have been told, that this young man hath a design of dedicating the book to Sir Peter King, the present Lord Chancellor of England, out of a view of getting Preferment, & it may be he will quite leave out his Father's dedication to Dr. Mill.

April 18 (Wed.).

To the Reverend Mr. William Dodwell, at Mr. Thomas Birt's, in Fryer Street, Reading, Berks.

Reverend Sir,

20 I always understood that your father had prepared an Edition of Barnabas for the Press, not only with respect to the Text, Version and Paraphrase, but also by writing Prolegomena, collecting notes, and dedicating the whole work to Dr. Mill. When I drew the Catalogue you speak of, I remember I saw two or more Bundles, which they told me related to Barnabas; but I did but just as it were see them, not reading anything excepting the dedication to Dr. Mill and a very few lines of the Prolegomena. What the full contents of those Bundles were I know not, but I doubted not but they had comprehended all that he had done relating to Barnabas. They told me, that since those Bundles as well as many other things were not to be catalogued, there was no occasion
 30 for me to look them over. If I am not much mistaken, I more than once saw the Text, Version and Paraphrase in Dr. Mill's hands. Some time before Dr. Mill's death, your father happened to expostulate with the Doctor with respect to Principles, and your father afterwards told me, that he had a good mind to leave out the Dedication to the Dr., because he had deserted his good old Principles, but then he said the Dedication being dated, it would shew, that it was done before the Dr. warped, & therefore might be retained. My hands are full of other Business, for which as well as for other reasons I desire to be excused from having any manner of hand in what you mention, and am,

Sir,

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Your very humble servant
 Tho. Hearne.

Edmund Hall, Oxford
 Mar. 8, 1732.

Your father used to assign the wars and the badness of the Times as the reason of his deferring the printing of Barnabas.

April 19 (Thur.). On the 5th inst. according to the Prints, died at his House in Norfolk Street London, Robert Myddelton of Chirk

April 19, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 81). Thanks for the letters of Dr. Hicckes and Mr. Thwaites. 'I cannot tell as yet whether it be proper to print either. Dr. Hicckes's letter tends to the robbing K. Ælfred of the honour

Castle in Denbighshire, Esq., member of Parliament for Denbigh, and Recorder of Shrewsbury. He has left his brother, John Myddelton Esq. sole executor, and an Estate of near 12,000 l. per Annum.

'Rob. Mossom has wrote besides what is mentioned above, *The King on his Throne in two sermons preached in the Cathedrall Church York, printed at York by Speciall Command 1643, licensed by H. Cumberland, 4^{to}*; also an Apology in the behalf of the sequestred Clergy, by R. Mossom preacher of God's word at S. Pet. P. Wh.¹ London 1660 4^{to}; and I find Rob. Mossom prebendary of York [Knaresborough] 20 Sept. 1660, & Bishop of Derry in Ireland Mar. 26, 1666; succeeded there by Mich. Ward, Jan. 22, 1679, I presume, upon his death.' From Mr. Baker, Ap. 15, 1733.

On Tuesday last Ap. 17 was entered of University College one Richards aged 19 years. His father Mr. George Richards who was with him is Vicar of Hadloe in Kent. The son is made Bible Clark of that College & the Master promises that he shall be Scholar. His father is son of the late Jacob Richards, cook of Edmund Hall. This Mr. George Richards is only Bach. of Arts. He was servitour of Edmund Hall. His wife is living. He hath seven children living. He says his Vicarage is seven score pounds per an.

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April 20 (Fri.). Yesterday in a congregation Jos. Atwell, B.D., the Rector of Exeter College, was presented to the Degree of Doctor in Divinity. He is not in Orders.

NB. Mr. Gardiner lately deceased, formerly Fellow of Corpus Christi College Oxon. was B.D. before he was in Orders, tho' afterwards he took orders.

Yesterday at 2 Clock in the afternoon was a Convocation in which (as I hear) Mr. John Nicoll, Head Master of Westm. School, had the Degrees

of being Author of the Version of Boethius; which being so, it requires deliberation whether this letter ought to be printed. I am apt to think the Dr. himself would not have had it printed. I am not willing, without very great and very cogent reasons, to make old pieces spurious that have passed for genuine. . . . You guess right that Mr. Tho. Fenton was the Editor of the 2nd edition of *Grabii Spicilegium* in two volumes. When he was about it I told him that the first volume had been printed twice before, so that in reality there are three editions of Vol. I, but only two editions of Vol. II; and this I could speak with certainty, because I corrected (at Dr. Grabe's request) the second edition of the first volume myself, I being then an undergraduate, at which time I transcribed many things from old Greek and Latin MSS. for Dr., then only Mr., Grabe. The author of *Certamen Religiosum* was Mr. S. Grascomb, an old Nonjuror, who used often to be at Forresthill near Oxford, where (I think) he had an estate. Dr. Crosthwaite took care of the Impression. Mr. Parker and Mr. Leak were much acquainted with Mr. Grascomb, but I do not remember ever to have seen him. Mr. Walden left me a legacy, which hath been of good service in my publick designs & I took the opportunity of mentioning him. I love gratitude.

April 20, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 341) [see Diary, April 23, 25].

of Bach. and Dr. of Div. conferred upon him by Diploma, he paying all Fees as a Grand-Compounder.

I hear Mr. Drake hath published his Antiquities of York in folio, but that 'tis a poor performance. He is a Chirurgion, and had got a very good Reputation in his Business, which 'tis thought now will sink.

April 21 (Sat.). In Otterbourne's Chronicle at page 198 I quote from Leland a MS. at Peter House. That MS. Mr. Baker had at his Chamber many years ago, and compared it with the Polycronycon, printed by Caxton anno MCCCCLXXXII, which he gave to the College Library. At
10 the end of the book, Mr. Baker hath entered the following note:—*There is a MS. copy of this book at Peterhouse, not altogether so large, nor altogether agreeing with this book, but concluding in the same year, and in the same words, with the thirteen last lines of this Volume. At the conclusion is added; Finished & ended after the Copy of Caxton then in Westmynster.* It was given to the College by John Warkeworth, Master of the College, with this following Inscription:—*Liber collegii sancti Petri in Cantebr. ex dono magistri Iohannis Warkeworth magistri dicti Collegii sub interminacione anathematis nullatenus a Libraria ibidem alienandus.* It is a very fair volume wrote on vellum or parchment, Mr. Baker does not
20 well remember which.

After the Conclusion, as in Caxton, there is a continuation to the fourteenth year of Edw. IV by another hand, possibly Warkeworth's own hand, who lived at the same time, prefaced thus:—*For alle thynges that folowe referre them to my Copy, in which is wretyn a remanente lyke to this forseyd werke.*

The Polychronicon or Trevisa's Translation is ended the yere of our Lord MCCCCLVII, the xxxi yere of kyng Edward the thyrd. So the rest might probably be added, & the whole possibly corrected, by Dr. Warke-
worth.

30 Jo. Warkeworth, admissus praefectus collegii sancti Petri Nov. 6, 1473, obiit praefectus anno 1500.

April 22 (Sun.). The following Table I transcribed from a Letter of Mr. Deodat Bye's to Mr. Loveday from Maidstone in Kent Ap. 19, 1733. Mr. Bye says he transcribed it from a paper found in the study of one Dr. Young, a Phisitian & Nonjuror, who died thirty years agoe at Maidstone & was well versed in Chronology and Coins, but I know not whether he ever published anything. Nor can I tell of what University he was or whether of any. I have asked Mr. Baker, but he knows nothing of him.

40 [Then follows a table of Latin coins with their equivalents in English money.]

April 23 (Mon.). Remember to ask Dr. Rawlinson, or else Mr. Baker, about the said Dr. Young.

I wrote some time since to Mr. West, to inspect for me the MS. Chronicle of Dunstaple, Tib. A. x., of which I have a Transcript by Mr. Wanley,

April 21, 1733. Edmund Archer to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 27) [see Diary, April 26].

that I am now printing. He answered me on the 20th inst. from the Inner Temple signifying that the difficulty of finding the Librarian and the ruinous condition of the place where it is deposited, viz. in the old Dormitory Westminster, prevented his answering me so speedily & punctually, as he otherwise would have done. However the day before the date of his letter, namely on Thursday last, he had an opportunity of seeing the MS. He tells me, it is burnt round the edges, shrunk and shrivelled up with the heat, & many of the leaves stick together so as not to be opened, without endangering the Tearing them. Notwithstanding which, he believes it might be read, tho' with great care & difficulty. It is written in several hands, from whence he concludes it to be the original. And it ends in the 13th century. He cannot find Richard de Morins name either at the beginning or end, *tho* (says he) *possibly it may be in some part of the book, yet most probably not.*

[An account of Gioseppe Ribera, a painter, commonly called Spagnoletto,¹ taken from the end of Alphonse du Fresnoy's Art of painting, p. 352.]

April 24 (Tu.). A perpetual commentary on the Revelation of St. John by Charles Danbury, M.A., late vicar of Brotherton in Yorkshire, London, 1720, folio. It contains 1,068 pages besides the Title Page and back Page (which is blank) of the Title. Peter Lancaster M.A., vicar of 20 Bowden in Cheshire, and sometime Student of Christ Church in Oxford, put out Proposals (dated Nov. 15, 1728) to abridge it, in two volumes in 4^{to} bringing the whole from 285 sheets to 90 sheets, at 13 shillings, 7 in hand, the rest on Delivery.

Quaere, whether Mr. Danbury were not a Cambridge man. It is a learned book, but the author seems to have been crazed, & 'tis not well digested. He before that wrote a Latin book in 8^{vo}, relating to the Passage in Josephus about our Saviour. He seems to have had such rambling Learning as Mr. Wasse of Aynoe.

As for the said Peter Lancaster, I have heard but little of him. Nor 30 can I tell, whether he met with encouragement in the said Epitome.

Mr. Jonathan Colley of Christ Church and Mr. Roger Bouchier of Worcester College (both crazed men) are great admirers of Danbury's Commentary on the Rev. and so (which I wonder at) is Mr. George Coningesby, late of St. Mary Hall, now a Minister in Herefordshire, who in a sermon about Church Musick (that he hath very lately printed) calls in an excellent Commentary. This Mr. Coningesby is a learned man, & studious, & bears the Character of being honest, particularly upon account of his Sermon that he preached at St. Marie's some few years since, which gave offence to many, and he was thereupon silenced from preaching at 40 St. Marie's.

Archbishop Laud, in p. 129 of the History of his Chancellorship, takes notice of a Popish Translation of Sales's Introduction to a devout life, purged by Dr. Haywood, the Archbishop's chaplain, before he (Haywood) licensed it, but afterwards one Burrowes a Roman Catholick restored the Passages that Dr. Haywood had expunged, & so 'twas printed & gave great offence to Protestants, whereupon Archbishop Laud had the copies (about eleven or twelve hundred) seized, & caused them to

¹ See April 29.—Ed.

be burnt publicly in Smithfield; but it seems two or three hundred copies were dispersed before the seizure. I know not, whether there may be any copy at Cambridge. I think we have none at Oxford, where the Archbishop used so much diligence to have them suppressed; if there be any copy with us, it must be a rarity. I think the Impression was made in 1636 or 1637. There are other Popish Impressions, but I know not whether the Translation be the same.

April 25 (Wed.). On Tuesday the 10th inst. as the Prints tell us, died in East Smithfield, London, Mrs. Jane Thompson, in the 117th year of her
10 Age. She retained all her senses till within a few hours of her death.

The same day died also, as the same Prints tell us, at his Rectory of Frierning near Ingotstone in Essex, the Rev. Mr. Robert D'Oyly, who was instituted into that Rectory on the 22nd of October 1688. About a year since he gave the sum of 3000 l. to the Corporation of the sons of the Clergy, for the maintenance of Clergymen's widows, and putting their children out Apprentices; and some few years since published a book, entitled, *Dissertations, 1. Of God's permitting the Fall of Adam, and creating Man capable of Sin. 2. Of the extraordinary Assistances vouchsafed to the first Publishers of the Gospel, and the primitive Church. 3. Of*
20 *Prophetic Revelation. 4. Of the Resurrection of the same Body.* He is the same, that was of Wadham College.

Mr. West fancies the Bp. of Aquin's Statues, mentioned by Scaliger, were only Drawings, except some few. Yet Scaliger does not insinuate any such thing.

Mr. West says, my Lord Pembroke's Antinous is unquestionably of great antiquity & value. What the Bp. of Aquin's might have been, I cannot say, unless from Scaliger, who gives no manner of grounds to suspect it.

I had complained to Mr. West of the little folio Book of part of Lord
30 Pembroke's Statues, published lately. He says, I judged rightly of that Book, done by Cary Creed most sorrily. He (my Lord) had engraven all his coins & Medalls in 5 vols. 4^{to} which, Mr. West saith he hath, but they are as ill executed as the Statues.

My Lord Oxford corrected for me the mistakes Mr. West made in the account he (Mr. West) sent me of H. Wanley. Mr. West received his from Mr. Vertue (Wanley's acquaintance) who Mr. West is surprized was so much mistaken.

April 26 (Thur.). Mr. Godwyn of Ball. Coll. wants to know something more of Sir John Tregonwell than what is mentioned in col. 33 of
40 the Fasti of the IInd Vol. of Ath. Oxon. Ed. 2.

Dr. George Hooper late Bp. of Bath & Wells has published:—

A sermon before the Lord Mayor Oct. 30, 1681.

A sermon before the King Nov. 5, 1681.

A sermon before the King and Queen Jan. 14, 1693.

A sermon before the King Jan. 20, 1695,

A sermon before the House of Commons Ap. 4, 1701.

A sermon before the House of Lords Jan. 31, 1703.

A sermon before both houses of Parliament July 7, 1713.

A sermon before the King on St. Luke 16. 31.

The Church of England free from the imputation of Popery.

Discourse of infallibility.

The parson's case under the present land tax 1689.

A discourse concerning Lent.

De Valentinianorum haeresi conjecturae.

An inquiry into the State of the antient measures.

De benedictione patriarchae Jacobi, Gen. XLIX, conjecturae.

While the controversy was depending between the two houses of Convocation, the following treatises were published:—

1. A narrative of the proceedings of the lower house of Convocation, 10 relating to the prorogations and adjournments, 1701.

2. The narrative of the lower house vindicated from the exceptions of a letter, intituled, The right of the archbishop to continue or prorogue the whole Convocation, 1702.

3. Vindication of the Narrative continued, 1702.

4. A summary defence of the lower house of Convocation, particularly concerning adjournments; in answer to a pamphlet, intituled, A short state of some present questions in convocation &c. by way of commentary upon the Schedule, 1703.

His Lordship told Dr. Archer (as the Dr. tells me in his letter from 20 Wells of Ap. 21, 1733) several times, that the Narrative was drawn up by him and doctor Aldrich, dean of Christ Church, and that the preface was written by doctor William Delaune; and that the Summary defence was likewise composed by himself and doctor Aldrich.

Probably they two drew up the two vindications, num. 2, 3; but of this Dr. Archer says he can say nothing.

There is a piece concerning tradition, written by the bishop and published in the philosophical transactions num. 257 for the month of October 1699 with this title, A calculation of the credibility of human testimony. 30

April 27 (Fri.). The Reverend Mr. John Leake the Nonjuror was born upon Christmas-day 1648 at Hinckley in Leicestershire. His father was Mr. Thomas Leake of Plumbly Hall in Derbyshire. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee of Hinckley aforesaid, second wife to the said Thomas Leake. He was educated at the Free School at Hinckley. Afterwards he was entered of Peter House in Cambridge, matriculated some time in the year 1667, Master of Arts 1674; ordained by Dr. Thomas Wood, Lord Bishop of Litchfield & Coventry; deacon the 24th day of Sept. 1671, in the Cathedral Church of Litchfield; priest the 21st day of Sept. 1673 in the parish church of Eccleshall. He had 40 the Sunday morning lecture at St. Giles, Cripplegate, in the gift of the Haberdashers Company, and the afternoon lecture at St. Michael Queenhithe, in the gift of the said parish. After his deprivation, he constantly read Prayers to a congregation in his dwelling house in little Trinity Lane, to the time of his death. He died the 17th day of Nov. 1724 and lies buried in the parish church of St. Michael Queenhithe.

April 28 (Sat.). The said account of the Rev. Mr. Leak was written

April 28, 1733. William Bromliege to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 185) [see Diary,

by his son, Mr. John Leake of Oxford, formerly of Hart Hall, but he never took any degree. He was formerly a strict Nonjuror, but now he frequents the publick Churches and joyns with those he had formerly reckoned schismatics, for which he and others of that kind are looked upon by the strict Nonjurors as half Nonjurors only. It was done for Dr. Rawlinson, who is about a book concerning the suffering Nonjuring Clergy. In order to which he sends about printed Queries, with blanks between each Querie, a copy of which he sent to me to be communicated to Mr. Leake, which accordingly I did, who filled it up with the foregoing account of his Father, which I shall transmitt to the Doctor. A copy of the Queries is as follows:—

Time and Place of Birth.

Family.

Education at School.

University and College, date of matriculation and degrees.

Time and place of Holy Orders, Deacon and Priest, and by whom ordained.

Preferments, Patrons, when instituted and inducted.

Other Professions and Employments.

20 Sufferings and remarkable Transactions.

Titles of works and writings of all kinds with dates, editions, and sizes.

Time of death, place of burial, and (if any) monumental inscriptions.

April 29 (Sun.). There is a painting in Windsor Castle of Duns Scotus, said to be done by Spagnoletto. It is exactly the same as the painting in the School Gallery at Oxford, both for the face and posture. There may be possibly some little particularities in other parts of the pictures, in which they may disagree. From Mr. Loveday, Ap. 21, 1733.

Warkworth in Northumberland. In the south Isle of the Church, 30 & to the west is a raised Tomb; on it the large effigies of a man in armour, lying cross-legged, with a shield on which his coat of arms; part of his sword, and the head of the lion or dog at his feet being broke off; his face entirely perfect; on the tomb is this Inscription of no old date:—
The Effigies of Sir Hugh | of Morwicke who Gave | the Common to
this | Towne of Warkeworth.

The Scotch call a Wine Quart a *mudgekin*; a wine pint a *Chopin*, from the French *Chopine*.

From the anonymous 4^{to} MS. about the Antiquities of York, penes Dr. Rawlinson.

40 Anno 1552; This yeare Trinitie Steple in Micklegate was blowne downe. The Queene of Scotts came to Yorke, and the great sweateing sicknes was in Yorke (pag. 141).

Anno 1553; This yeare the use of coapes & vestments & crosses were prohibited throughout England (pag. 141).

Anno 1558; He [Thomas Yonge, archbishop of Yorke] pulled downe

May 1]. Has received Otterbourne, 'which I ought to have acknowledged sooner; nothing should have prevented, but the late Hurry of Affairs, succeeded with a Victory, that putt everything else out of our Heads'.

the bishop's pallace in Yorke, which was a verie sumptuous house. It was built by a Thomas, one of his predecessors, almost 500 yeares before his time; he also had begged the chapter house, to have made a stable of it. But as hee came downe from London, he fell off his horse and dyed Jun. 26 att Sheffeld¹ (pag. 144).

Anno 1562; This yeare there was new coines (pag. 145).

Anno 1603; Queen Elizabeth dies Mar. 24, 1603. Note Thursdaies were ominous to kinge Henrie the 8th and his posteritie; he himselfe dyed on a Thursdaie, his sone kinge Edward the sixth dyed on a Thursdaie, Quene Marie dyed on a Thursdaie, and Quene Elizabeth dyed on 10 Thursdaie. Queene Elizabeth was tall of stature, stronge in everie limbe & joynte, her fingers small and longe, her voice loud and shrill; she had a readie witt and a good memorie, she was well skilled in needle worke & musicke; she was expert in the tongues Greeke, Latine, Italian, French & Spanishe, & well seene in all learneing as appeareth by her learned and elloquent speache in her last Parliament (pag. 156).

Anno 1613; uppon Easter daye Prince Charles was bisshopt, being but 12 yeares of Age (pag. 174).

April 30 (Mon.). One Mr. Ingeby, a Nonjuror, a layman, between 50 & 60 yeares of age, lives at Great Wycombe in Bucks. He formerly 20 lived as a servant with Dr. Smalridge, he says about 25 yeares since. He was with me last night with Mr. William Ball about an hour at my Chambers at Edmund Hall. I never saw him before. Mr. Ball is well acquainted with him. He hath an honest look, & is doubtlessly a very honest man. He hath a son that goes to New College School. He is a man of sense & in good circumstances. He is not a scholar any farther than English.

Mr. Murray hath got an old book of Gascoign's poems, printed in quarto in Queen Elizabeth's time, in which are *the pleasures of Kenilworth Castle*. This he promiseth to lend me in his letter from London, 30 Apr. 12, 1733. Gascoign was an author not of the first rank; yet there may be things of great consequence in that tract about Kenilworth.

May 1 (Tu.). Returned today by Godfrey two letters (both copies, one from Dr. Geo. Hickes to Mr. Thwaites, the other from Mr. Thwaites to Christopher Rawlinson Esq.) to Dr. Richard Rawlinson, who had lent them me. At the same time I sent the Dr. an account of the Rev. Mr. John Leake, the Nonjuror. It was written with Mr. Leake's son's own hand.

William Bromley Esq., member of Parliament for Warwick, in his letter of Ap. 28, 1733, from Henrietta Street, near Cavendish Square, 40

May 1, 1733. J. Jones, in London, to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 19). Was lately at Stagenhoo in Hertfordshire where he had some conversation about the Hesychius mentioned by H. in his letter of last December. Mr. Howell had the Hesychius but had received no orders to send it to H. The handwriting in the margin was certainly Langbaine's.

May 1, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 111) [see Diary, May 4, 5, 6].

¹ He died at Sheffeld anno 1568 (pag. 147) and was honourably buried in Yorke Minster. Note by Hearne.

London, tells me he wishes he could tempt me to Kenilworth or Bathkinton, alias Baggington Castle; in both places he could shew me rare curiosities.

From Mr. Loveday Apr. 30, 1733:—At Newcastle upon Tyne they call the lanes Chairs. Branspeth Castle in the Bishoprick of Durham belongs to the Bulmers. It came afterwards by marriage to the Nevills; upon the forfeiture of the Nevills Mr. Loveday's information is, that it was purchased by the Coles; Nicholas Cole of Brancepeth Esq., was created a Bart. in 1640; that Sir Ralph Cole sold the Estate to Sir Henry Bellasis, whose mother married with Sir Ralph's father; and that the son of this Sir Henry is the present possessor. There are several paintings in the apartments of the castle; most of 'em they say by Sir Ralph Cole's hand, who bore the character of an ingenious man in this kind of things. He has been dead, Mr. Loveday is told, about 30 years. One of the pictures is a miniature of Dr. Sudbury, Dean of Durham, who dyed in 1684; 'tis a length and exactly the same as the full proportion of him in Durham library. Another is a miniature of Charles I on horseback.

May 2 (Wed.). Mr. John Worthington assures me, in his letter from London of Jan. 3 last, that Hatcher's Catalogue was never yet made Publick; but there was some time since printed for a bookseller at Eton College, a catalogue of bare names, which perhaps may be had there still. Hatcher's Catalogue was continued from the year 1562 to the year 1620 by John Scot, coroner of King's College in Cambridge; whence was made the following Distich.

Distichon Apostrophicon ad Thomam Hatcherum & Joannem

Scottum primos inchoatores Catalogi.

Defuncti vivunt, redeunt et tempora prisca

O Hatchere tuo munere, Scotte tuo.

Radulphus Winterton.

Mr. Worthington many years since transcribed the same Catalogue, as it was continued by divers other hands to the year 1703 inclusive, from a copy which belonged anno 1646 to Mr. Henry Some, who inserted this note:—'N.B. From the beginning of the Catalogue unto the year 1525 I have compared and mended it out of an ancient MS. in the Treasury, whence I believe the 1st Collection was taken. H.S.'

Dr. Richard Rawlinson has a copy of Mr. Worthington's MS. as it was transcribed by a friend [of Mr. Worthington's] at the Herald's Office; and he believes, he hath continued the Catalogue to the present time. The Dr. hath made many improvements from Mr. Baker's hands and others.

If I am willing to print the Doctor's improved Catalogue, Mr. Worthington hopes I shall find him as willing to communicate it, as he [Mr. Worthington] shall be, what he finds remaining among his papers, not imparted heretofore to the Doctor.

May 3 (Thur.). I have a copy of Hatcher continued by Scot, which I many years since transcribed from Sir Philip Sydenham's.

May 3, 1733. Sir Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 253) [see Diary, May 7].

Yesterday being a very fair clear, as well as a hot day, at 49 minutes after 5 Clock in the afternoon was a visible Eclipse (not the least thing hindering it's being seen) of the Sun. The greatest obscuration was at 43 minutes after six, at which time ten parts of twelve were darkened, and the end thereof was at 33 minutes after seven.

The Prints tell us that 'tis reported that the punishment of High Treason will be inflicted on any Person, who shall coin or counterfeit Gold Broad Pieces for the future. N.B. 'Tis said indeed by the Excise men and others, that some have proved bad, but 'tis judged, that the Authors of such were the friends of K. George &c. on purpose, that they might be called in, which hath had its effect accordingly.

The Prints likewise tell us, that they write from Hampshire that Sir Simeon Stuart of Hartley Manduit in that County, Bart., being lately looking over some old writings belonging to his Family, he found upon the back of one of them a memorandum, noting that 1500 Broad-pieces of Gold were at such a time buried in a particular spot in the field near his house; whereupon Sir Simeon took a servant with him, and went to the Place, and after digging a short Time they discovered an Earthen Pot, containing the number of Broadpieces abovementioned. It appeared by the date of the Memorandum, and the comparing the Hand-writing, that they had been hid there in the time of the Civil Wars by Sir Nicholas Stewart, the first Baronet of this family, and grandfather to the present.

May 4 (Fri.). Mr. Baker knows nothing of Dr. Young the Physician, mentioned above under Apr. 22, & yet he hath an Obituary of all the Nonjuring clergy, together with a Catalogue of all such, as have been writers. He meets with his name in neither Catalogue. I believe Dr. Rawlinson can give me the best account, who has been curious in collections of that kind.

I have noted above that a late member of our University (of Christ Church) put out Proposals for printing an Epitome of Daubuz upon the Revelation. Accordingly he really did it great honor by so abridging, & publishing it, with this additional title to the author's:—*New modelled, abridged, and rendred plain to the meanest Capacity, by Peter Lancaster, A.M., vicar of Bowden in Cheshire, & sometime Student in Christ Church in Oxford, London, MDCCXXX, 4^{to}, dedicated to John Lord Bishop of Oxford.*

The best comment upon the Revelation that I have met with is wrote by Mr. Francis Potter, B.D., which is really a pretty book, and if not true, is very plausible, & entertaining. This Mr. Potter was a great Mathematician & a learned man, and lived a retired and monkish Live (*sic*), died at his parsonage of Kilmington in Somersetshire in 1678, & was much respected. The learned Mr. Joseph Mede looked upon his book of the number 666 as the very best on the Revelation, & not to be read without great admiration.

May 5 (Sat.). Mr. Baker knows nothing of Camden's fragment from a MS. History of Dunstaple. He refers me to the fragment of Stowe, reprinted by me in Heming's Chartulary. But that does not make mention of the MS. History but the Chronicle of Dunstaple. This

Chronicle I am now printing, having never been in print before, and 'tis quite different from the MS. History made use of by Mr. Camden.

So many copies of Francis Sales's Introduction of the Popish Edition in Archbishop Laud's time having, by Laud's care and direction, been burnt, it must be now a Rarity. Mr. Prynne says, *Some few were seized & publicly burnt in Smithfield*, *Canterburies Doome* pag. 186 &c. where, & in the Archbishop's defence, published by Mr. Wharton, you may find enough concerning that matter. I do not find by Mr. Baker, that they have it at Cambridge.

- 10 Beaupré Bell, jun., Esq., of Beaupré Hall in Norfolk, hath got a MS. Exposition of the Revelation, written by Erasmus Williams, formerly Fellow of New College. I never heard of it before, nor do I know any thing of the author. If it will be acceptable, he will give it to me. Tho' it be a subject quite out of my way, yet I told him by Letter today that it will be acceptable, especially if there should prove to be anything in it historical. [Mr. Bell hath since given, & sent it me.]

- May 6 (Sun.).** Mr. Baker in his Letter from Cambridge of the 1st, tells me what I think he never told me before, that they have in their College Library of St. John's *The Form of the Coronation of K. Charles I* used by Archbishop Laud and noted with his own hand, when he was Bishop of St. David's, and acted as Subdean or Deputy to Bishop Williams, Dean of Westminster. It is a great Rarity, had belonged to Archbishop Sancroft, and no doubt Mr. Wharton had seen it, when he speaks of that Coronation, in his Preface to the Defence of the Archbishop. 'Tis pity (Mr. Baker observes) they have it not at St. John's College in our University, where it would be most valued, and where next to their own College, Mr. Baker could wish it. Several other things of the like kind, they have at St. John's in Cambridge, formerly belonging to Archbishop Sancroft, & much in his own hand, which Mr. Baker is well acquainted with, having met with it, upon innumerable Books, at Emanuel College. He cannot envy *Blackman's* Life of Hen. VI (which I have reprinted in Otterbourne) to so good a friend, & curiosity Collector, as Mr. West, (nor can I), but surely that Book ought to have come to Eman. College, among the rest of his printed Books. N.B. 'Tis in a collection of pamphletts all bound up in one Volume, & Mr. West bought a great many volumes of pamphletts which had all belonged to Archbishop Sancroft, so I believe being so bound, when they came to compare them with their Catalogue they were easily missed, or at least they might be quite neglected, whereas if every one had been 40 either bound or sowed single (especially if considerable Rarities as Blackman is) they would, in all probability, have been surely minded.

May 7 (Mon.). They have just pulled down the old great Gate of Durham College next Canditch, by Balliol College, & are building a new gate & wall instead thereof.

Sir Clement Cottrell in a letter of the 3rd tells me, that he hath talked to Brigadier Tyrrell about his Father's book, that is his MS. volume of

May 7, 1733. Richard Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 172). 'It is expected that Sam Mead's books will come to light, as the Dr. is very

the History of England, & this is his account of it, that some years agoe, he put it into a Lawyer's hands of Lincolns Inn, as Sir Clement thinks by his father's direction, the Lawyer's name, if he told it Sir Clement, he hath forgot, since when he has heard nothing of it, nor perhaps, how to recover it, knows not.

What I wanted was, whether he had given an account (as in the printed Volumes) of his authors, and taken any particular notice, so as to signify the author (who was Richard de Morins) & to characterize him of the Chronicle of Dunstaple, but I suppose he might not, leaving that task to the last till the work had been printed, if he had lived to see it so printed. As for his History itself, I am not so solicitous about it.

Sir Clement says, he would not impertinently break in upon my thread, as to the investigation of our good old English Historians; but is persuaded I, as well as the world would greatly find their account, in a new edition of Leland's Itinerary & the Collectanea, especially with those ample additions I can so well furnish.

May 8 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Loveday put into my hands to peruse, a little stitched 8^{vo} thing, intit. *A Description of the Earl of Pembroke's Pictures, now published by C. Gambarini of Lucca. Being an Introduction to his Design. Westminster: Printed by A. Campbell, in King Street, near St. Margaret's Church, 1731.* His design was to engrave all, & to publish them. But this being very poorly done (without language or tolerable method) I think it miscarried. And yet I find several are done by him.

[Extracts from the pamphlet.]

May 9 (Wed.). Notwithstanding what is said above from Sir Clement Cottrell, yet were I to reprint Leland's Itin. and Collectanea, I should do

probably stored with all he might value, and the lawyer, the other brother, rather practices than reads; add to this the late affront on the Law by Cromwellizing it into English lowers much the prizes of that kind of learning. A few days since happened a great loss to art and learning in the destruction of a great part of Sir Andrew Fountain's collection of paintings and medals by a dreadful fire at White's chocolate house near St. James Palace. It is surprising a man, who has a handsom house, should keep a valuable treasure at a public house, if not with a design to expose his paintings and draw in purchasers.' Desires an account of Dr. Welton 'whose son, I think you mentioned to me was a curate at Nettlebed . . . I can see no objection to be made by a wise man to the doing honour to one who has drank so deep of afflictions. . . . But what I must labour to get a true scent of is, what I am sorry to mention, a clandestine consecration obtained from Dr. Ralph Taylor in that good man's dotage, of which Dr. T. seems to have been ashamed, as nothing of this occurrence is to be found amongst his papers. The original Instrument, if ever there was any, may be in his son's or Shippen's hands, or most probably destroyed, but let its fate be what it will, he never assisted in carrying on the succession. I wish he had not ordained in Pensylvania, from whence the Government drove him to Lisbon, where he dyed; and tho' an episcopal seal was found, it does not appear that any papers were discovered, foundation for a plot, or that they were stifled. All this I write in confidence to you that you may make that use (*sic*) and burn this telltale.'

it as before Letter for Letter, without additions or alterations, but at present I have no thoughts of a new edition.

The University of Oxford in Convocation have very lately conferred the degree of Doctor in Divinity upon the Rev. John Nicoll, Headmaster of Westminster School, by Diploma.

The Prints tell us, that on the 26th of April last died in a very advanced age, at his Lodgings in King St., Westminster, the Rev. William Tanner, M.A., a noted Nonjuring Clergyman. Quære about him, for I never heard any thing yet of him.

10 **May 10 (Thur.).** Over the Court Gate of Aukland Castle, in the Bishoprick of Durham, is this Inscription :—*Johannes episcopus Dunelm' | totum Castrum Posuit | Et in Hanc Formam redegit | Qua nunc cernitur | anno domini MDCLXVI.* And over the door of the house :—*Johannes Dunelm fecit.* From Mr. Loveday.

Whitby, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. The Abbey stood on the top of a very high hill, above the Town, and just over the Sea. The main of the Abbey Church is still standing, being a good sea mark. It has been a most stately Pile, of great length, and altogether regular; the Tower, which is but low, stands on arches in the middle of the building.
20 There is much carved work, and very curious, in the window cases of the Choir, whereas the window cases in the Nave are entirely plain. The Arches and Pillars are good pieces of work. The north side Isle of the Choir is the only part that has the roof remaining, and that is a stone arch. The Isles of the nave were exactly of the same height as those of the Choir. The South Isles of both the nave and the Choir are down, and but a very little standing of the south front of the Cross-Isle. There was a small Cross-Isle, running parallel to the main Cross, and eastwards of it; the southern part of this is also down. Otherwise the shell of the whole is entire. Some part of what is mentioned above fell down but
30 the winter before last. Within memory, there has been glass (they tell me, says Mr. Loveday) in some of the windows. The site of the Abbey belongs to Cholmeley, or Cholmley (not Cholmondley) Esq. whose house is just by.

May 11 (Fri.). Last night Mr. Loveday lent me an 8^{vo} MS. in which he had inserted the Pictures at Windsor Castle from a MS. communicated by Mr. Derham of St. John's, & wrote by his father Dr. Derham.¹ The account here follows

A Catalogue of the Pictures in the great Appartment of Windsor Castle.

Dahl 1. In the Queen's Guard Chamber. Prince George of Denmark
40 Lely 2. In the Queen's Presence Chamber. A Magdalen at her Devotion

Guido Reni

Judith

Young Palma

Prometheus, with a Vulture tearing

May 10, 1733. Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 207). The Abbe Bignon, to whom S. presents one of the copies of H.'s publications, writes that his copy of Elmham is without pp. 97-104. Will H. kindly supply the defects.

¹ Canon of Windsor, 1716-1735.—Ed.

3. In the Privy Chamber

Of the School of Carracci	} A Magdalen over the Chimney
Rottenhamer	
Guido Reni	
	St. Stephen's Martyrdom
	Judith

4. In the new Gallery

Spagnoletto	Duns Scotus	
Parmegiano	Two whole figures over the Chimneys	
Tintorett's manner	A Roman Charity	
After Titian	A Virgin Mary	
Golzino	Venus, Cupid, & a Satyr	10

5. In the Queen's Withdrawing Room

Nic. Poussin	Venus & Cupid	
Mich. Angelo da Caravaggio	{ Lot and his daughters Some flowers & thistles	
De Bray		
Van Dyck	Mark Antony & Cleopatra, a Dutch piece	
After Titian	The Lady Venetia Stanly, wife to Sir Kenelme Digby	
	Marquess del Gasto, & his Family	

6. In the Queen's Bed Chamber

The Innocents Slain	20
A Madona over the Chimney with St. John & Elizabeth & 4. angels	
A Judith	

7. In the Queen's private Eating Room.

Housman	The Lady Byron over the Chimney	
	Lady Bellasis over the Chimney at length	
Lely	The Lady Falmouth	
Lely	The Lady Rochester	
Lely	The Lady Sunderland dowager	
Lely	Dutchess of Cleveland, in the habit of Pallas	30
Lely	Dutchess of Somerset	
Lely	Dutchess of Richmond	
	Mrs. Lawson over the door	
	Madam Grammont	
	Lady Denham	
	Her sister	
	Mrs. Middleton	
	{ Mrs. Lawson $\frac{1}{2}$ length Mrs. Knott $\frac{1}{2}$ length A Lady $\frac{1}{2}$ length	
Wisson		
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8. In the Queen's Dressing Room

Lely	The Dutchess of York over the Chimney	
Lely	Lady Mary her Daughter when young	
Lely	Katharine Q. Dowager	
Van Dyck	Queen Mother over the door going into the Gallery	

9. In the Queen's Closet, in which the D. Marlboro banners are lodged

Giorgione	A woman's head, the drapery yellow
Mieris	A small St. Jerome
Mich. Angelo	A boy with fruit
Rottenhamer	Christ & Lazarus
Correggio	A Madonna or Virgin Mary
Guido Reni	A Magdalene
Giorgione	A man with a band on
Holbein	The head of Erasmus
10 Paolo Veronese	The Ascension of the Virgin Mary
Parmensis	Christ and St. John
Soto Cleve	A small Madona
Giorgione	A man holding his Hat
Rembrandt's manner	The old Countess of Desmond, who is said to have danced at Ric. III's wedding & died in King James I reign, 140 years old
Rottenhamer	The Assumption of the blessed Virgin
Giorgione	A man's head with a black Cap
Holbein	A man opening a letter
20 Correggio	A Madona & an Angel
	A man's head
Giorgione	A man holding a letter
Varelst	A bunch of grapes
Parmensis	Minerva's head
Gibson	Queen Mother in little
Poelenburch	The Virgin & Child in the clouds

In the Passage between the Dressing Room & Gallery

Darkhurst	Two pieces of Sea ports
	Two landscapes
30	A Madona

10. In Q. Elizabeth's Gallery

Raphael	The Virgin Mary, Joseph & Christ
Titian	The Marquess del Gasto & his family drawn histori- cally
Julio Romano	Rome on fire & Nero fidling
Van Zoamer	K. James I & his Queen
Chevalier Fetti	Twelve large heads of saints
	St. Jerome, a German picture
Tintoret	A knight of Malta
40 Tintoret	A man in black $\frac{1}{2}$ length
Holbein	King Hen. 8
Dahl	Prince George of Denmark
Vosterman	Two views of Windsor Castle
Mich. Angelo delle Battaglie	Two landskips with ruins & small figures
Holbein's manner	
Van Alst	The battle of Spurs
Bassano	Some dead birds &c.
	An Harvest piece

Correggio	The picture of Baccio Bandinelli with carved heads	
Claret	The D. of Gloucester after Kneller	
Titian	The heads of Aretine & Titian; Titian is on the left hand with a Bonet, Aretine on the right hand without any covering	
Quintin Matsys	Two usurers	
Bassano	The Deluge	
Paolo Veronese	The Offerings of the 3 kings	
Kneller	The present emperor when King of Spain and at Windsor	10
Bassano	The Pool of Bethesda	
	A small Madona	
Paolo Veronese	Judith & Holofernes	
Schalcken	A woman by candle light	

11. In the King's Closet next to the Balcony Room

Carracci	Cupid with a bow	
Correggio	Cupid leaning on his bow	
Titian	A Magdalen at length	
Gentileschi	Artemisia on the Hangings	

12. In the King's little Bedchamber

Jones after Titian	A naked Venus	20
After Julio Romano	Jupiter & the Goat	
Guido Reni	The woman with a fire	

13. In the King's Bed-Chamber

Julio Romano	The dragging St. Paul out of the City	
Van Dyck	King Charles II when young	

14. In the Withdrawing room

Van Dyck	Sir Kenelme Digby with a Globe	
Titian's Style	A Venetian Lady with a golden chain	
Hanneman	Duke Hamilton who was beheaded	30
Kneller	A converted Chinese	
Van Dyck	The second Villiers D. of Buckingham & his brother when young	

15. In the King's Privy Chamber

Mich. Angelo	St. Peter, Paul & John	
Van Dyck	The Dutchess of Richmond	
Andrea Schiavone	Christ before Pilate, who is washing his hands The Resurrection of Christ over the door	

16. In the King's Presence Chamber

Tintoret	Far Paul the Venetian	40
Lely	The Duke of Gloucester a child	
After Van Dyck	The Countess of Dorset	

17. In the Kings Guard Chamber

	A king of Sweden on horseback	
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18. In the Chapple. The pictures of Verrio, Kneller in blew & Lankrin in yellow near the Cripple
- Verrio Drawn by the Life. Verrio in red with black hair & stretches out his hand; Lankrin is next the Creeple & Kneller in the middle. Judas in the Altar Piece is with red hair, as the Italians & most nations draw him, only the Danes draw him with black
19. The Altar piece in the Church
- Francis de Clyne The last Supper
- 10 In the lower Lodgings
- Holbein King Hen. VIII, Edw. VI, the Princesses Mary & Elizabeth
- Holbein His passage and entry into Bologne
- Giorgione Four figures singing
- In the King's Eating Room
- Lely Prince Rupert & 12 English Admirals
- Genaro Divers pictures in different rooms
- Genet The beheading Mary the Queen of Scots
- Guido A St. Katharine
- 20 Julio Romano Jupiter & a Goat, which he sucks
- Correggio Mercury & Venus teaching Cupid to read
- In the Eating Room
- Andrea del Sarto A woman with one hand in a green Tapestry
- A piece of needlework of the Q. of Scots working
- Seg^r Genaco Four history pictures of one bigness
- Verrio K. Charles II in a Sea Triumph
- Rubens Three naked women sleeping & satyrs
- Danker A Madona with the marriage of St. Catharine
- In the Lobby or between the King's Eating Room and the Queen's Drawing Room
- 30 The Chocolate Tree
- Diana with her dogs & bow
- A piece with a Japan Peacock in it
- A piece with a doe & stork & a brass pan in it
- Bassano The hunting of the bears
- Snyders The hunting of the wild boar
- A landscape with a building and several small boates &c.
- In the Lobby between the Eating Room & the King's Drawing Room
- 40 Wright A large piece being Lacy in 3 postures at length
- Three figures singing by candle light
- Georgione A family being 10 figures
- A piece being Divine Love
- A landscape
- Heads in black & silver frames
- Paolo Veronese Judith & Holofernes head, a small piece

- Shalcken A Magdalen, a candle-light piece
 Vansomer Q. Anne at length
- In the old Gallery
- Julio Romano The burning of Rome by Nero
- In the Green Damask Closet in the Gallery
- After Titian The sons of Edw. IV, Edw. V and D. of Gloucester
 Kneller The Persian Bride, $\frac{1}{2}$ length over the Door
 The D. of Gloucester in an oval $\frac{3}{4}$ length
 The Virgin Martyr squeezing a sponge of blood in
 a basin 10
- In the Closet within the Green Damask Closet
- Cornelius Johnson { K. Charles II when young at length, small life
 The D. of York when young at length, small life
 The Princess Royal when young at length, small life
- Oliver Two drawings in black & white
- In the Stool Room in the Gallery
- Don A woman's head from life in yellow hair
 Paul Bril An old woman watering flowers
 Volterra A small landscape of hunting the fox 20
 Don A small landscape
 Mieris A candle-light piece
 A man with a pipe in his hand & a woman laughing
 with a glass of wine
- Holbein's manner Luther & his wife
 The 3 Kings worshipping, small length on copper
- In the Side-board Room in the King's Lodgings below
 Stairs
- K. Hen. VIII with his Queen, Ed. VI, Mary & Eliz.
 A landscape with an Indian Goose. Door piece
 A landscape with building & figures, one drawing 30
 after It (*sic*). Door piece
- Holbein K. Henry going by sea to Bullein
 A landscape Daphne & Apollo. Door piece
 K. Henry VIII going in Triumph to Bullein
 K. Henry VIII in a red habit at length when young ;
 a Chimney piece
- In St. George's great Hall
- Verrio K. Edward III receiving the captive kings of France
 & Scotland. The Black Prince crowned with
 laurell, a fair man: his helmet born by a boy, 40
 having on it a black plume of Feathers which he
 wore on that day, called from those Feathers the
 Black Prince
- On the ceiling are emblems of sedition &c., where
 Lord Shaftsbury is scattering pamphlets of that kind
- In the King's Eating room below Stairs
- Giorgione A piece with 4 figures to the west, singing over a door.

- Roostrat A piece with a Lute & several pieces of Plate over a door
- In the King's Supper Room
- Lely { Thirteen Admirals at $\frac{1}{2}$ length viz.:—The Earl of Sandwich, Sir Thomas Tidlyman, Sir Christ. Myns, Sir Geo. Ascough, Sir Will. Berkely, Sir John Lawson, Sir Will. Pen, General Monk, Capt. Harman, Sir Tho. Allen, Sir Joseph Jordan, Sir Jer. Smith, Prince Rupert
- 10 King William at length when young in a Rom[an] Habit
- In the With-drawing Room next the Eating Room below stairs
- A naked (*sic*) asleep over a Door
- A Magdalen reading in a book
- In the Bathing Room
- K. Charles II at length, small life.
- The D. of York at length, small life.
- Remy Fourteen Ladies Heads
- 20 In the Dutchess of Kendal's Room
- Giorgione A man in armour, $\frac{1}{2}$ length over chimney
- In the Council Chamber
- Gascar The D. of York at length with his Page, over Chimney
- The D. of Richmond at length, Lord Chamberlain
- One of the Muses. Door pieces
- A daughter of the Duke of Brunswick
- Another daughter of the same
- A Queen of Spain with the Virgin Mary with a Book
- 30 In the Princesses Drawing Room
- Genet Mary Queen of Scots at length with her beheading
- In the Princesses Bed Chambre
- Genaro A Magdalene over the Chimney
- Guido A St. Katharine at length over the Door
- A youth whole length in Dutch habit, over door
- In the Princesses Drawing Room
- Madam Dutchess of Orleans at length sitting over a door
- Prince of Orange in Armour when young at length
- Margaret Queen of Spain. Door piece
- 40 In the Wating (*sic*) Room
- After Julio Romano The sacrifice of Jupiter. Door piece
- After Correggio St. John at length
- In the Prince's Eating Room
- After Julio Romano Jupiter sucking a goat, door piece
- After Correggio A Eunuch, a Mantua picture. Door piece

- Wissing Lady Ossery, $\frac{1}{2}$ length, door piece
 Two of Lord Rochester's younger daughters, door piece
 Prince Polenius, K. of Poland, door piece
 On the Princesses Staircase
 Old Serj^t Streeter
 Three landscapes
 Lothen Two more landscapes
 In M^{rs}. Atkinson's room
 Two ladies when young with a little dog lying & 10
 a parroquet on her hand, over the Chimney
 The end of the Lodgings.

May 14 (Mon.). On Saturday last M^r. West came to Oxford, and went out of Town yesterday morning, being Whitsunday, for Worcestershire. He spent the evening with me Saturday in King's Street. He told me he bought among M^r. Granger's MSS. *An Inscription taken from a Marble Pillar, found in the ruins of Alexandria, anno 1726*, taken by Jo. Ames.

He said the Marble is a very fine ancient one, & that M^r. Mattaire is writing upon the Inscription in order to publish it by way of Appendix 20 to his edition of *Marmora Oxon.* [It is since come out with M^r. Mattaire's explication, Oct. 2, 1733].

M^r. Mattaire ought by way of Appendix to take in all the Oxford Marbles, which are many, that he hath omitted.

M^r. West said an hundred libs. is asked for the Marble.

On Tuesday last (May 8) died at the Bathe of a stopping of urine, M^r. Cole an apothecary of Oxford, aged about 40, leaving 2 children by his first wife, both girls. His second wife (now a widow, by whom he hath left no child) was first of all the wife of the late D^r. Hunt, Master of Balliol College. She is natural daughter of the late Duke of Buckingham 30 Sheffield. She is a very pretty genteel woman, & is about 30 years of age. Cole was a surly, cross, rustical, clownish man, & was very jealous of her. He left off his trade a little while agoe, & having an estate of about 100 libs. per an. which he purchased at Sanford near Farrington in Berks, he and his wife settled there, & he proposed to be happy. I hear he hath not left his wife (who was with him at the Bathe when he died) one Farthing, but all (about two thousand five hundred libs.) to his two children, & the care to breed them up to his wife, ordering her to be paid for it.

May 15 (Tu.). Yesterday I was told for certain, that D^r. Heywood, 40 (Vicar of Charlbury & late Fellow of St. John's College Oxford) is writing a book, concerning the Life & Writings of the late M^r. Samuel Parker, and that 'tis to be published with part of the *Bibliotheca Biblica*, that hath not been yet printed. This D^r. Heywood did part of the said *Bibliotheca*, & perhaps hath a hand also in what is not yet printed. The Doctor hath

May 12, 1733. H. to William Bedford (Rawl. 32. 82). Thanks for a guinea [see Diary, June 28].

universally the Character of a very proud man, & is looked upon as one that countenances odd notions. He hath read much in some sort of Learning, such as Rabbies & some sort of the Fathers, but is very muddy headed. He some years since wrote the Life of Dr. Lee, commonly called Rabbi Lee, who had been of St. John's College, and was a Nonjuror, but 'twas never yet printed.

Mr. Isham (the present Rector of Lincoln College) is in quest after materials for writing the History of Lincoln College, in manner of Dr. Savage's Ballio-Fergus.

10 **May 16 (Wed.).** In the publick Prints is this piece of news :—

Whittlesea, May 7, 1733. Last night was buried here Mr. John Underwood, of Nassington. He was brought to the Grave at Five, and as soon as the Burial Service was over, an Arch was turned over the Coffin, in which was placed, over his breast, a small piece of white marble with this inscription, *Non omnis moriar, J. Underwood, 1733.* When the Grave was filled up, and the Turf laid down, the six Gentlemen, who followed him to the Grave, sung the last Stanza of the 20th Ode of the 2nd book of Horace. Every thing was done according to his Desire, no Bell was tolled, no one was invited, but the six Gentleman, and no Relation followed his Corpse. The coffin was painted,
20 green, according to his Direction, and he was laid in it with all his Clothes on; under his Head was placed *Sanadon's Horace*, at his feet *Bentley's Milton*; in his right hand a small *Greek Testament*; in his left hand a little edition of *Horace* with this inscription *Musis amicus, J. U., and Bentley's Horace* under his Arse. After the Ceremony was over, they went back to the House, where his sister had provided a very handsome cold Supper; the Cloth being taken away, the Gentlemen sung the 31st Ode of the 1st Book of Horace, and drank a chearful Glass, and went Home about Eight. He left near 6000 l. to his Sister, upon condition of her observing this his Will. He ordered his Sister to give each of the Gentlemen ten Guineas; and desired that they would not come in black,
30 clothes. Then follows a direction about his Burial, as above, and the Will ends thus—*Which done, I would have them take a chearful Glass, and think no more of John Underwood.*

May 17 (Thur.). The Prints tell us that on the 9th the Lords read the first time a bill, to prevent the coining or counterfeiting Broad Pieces of Gold, great numbers whereof have, it seems, been coined in Holland and brought over hither, for the sake of getting three shillings per ounce. NB. If there be such counterfeits, it confirms what I formerly observed, that they have done it themselves, on purpose to get the brave old gold into their hands the more easily.
40 Mr. Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire intends to bring up some curious papers with him, when he comes next to Oxford, as he tells me in his letter from Pophills of Apr. 16 last.

In the year 1712 Mr. Edward Pocock, of Minall near Marlborough in Wilts (of which Place he was then incumbent) had the MS. of Dr. Pocock's Life, written by Mr. Humphry Smith.

May 17, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 80). 'On the 14th inst. I was told for certain that Dr. Heywood, Vicar of Charlbury and late Fellow of your College, is writing a book concerning the Life and Writings of Mr. Samuel Parker.' Wishes to know who published the *Miscellanies on several curious Subjects*, in which is something about the Chester inscription.

May 18 (Fri.). At the end of an old Latin Exemplar in the custody of Mr. Fancourt of Stratford upon Avon, bookseller, anno 1725 *Finiunt exempla de gaudiis regni celorum, et aliorum trium novissimorum, Impressa Dauentrie per me Richardum Pafraer*¹, anno domini MCCCCXCIII. *Decima Sexta Decembris.*

May 19 (Sat.). I procured in the year 1725 of Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq. John Gadbury's *Collectio Geniturarum*, printed at Lond. per J. Cottrel 1662 fol., in which are a great number of MSS. additions by a person highly addicted to astrology.

On the 12th inst. I received of Mr. Murray which he lent me, *The* ¹⁰
whole workes of George Gascoigne Esquyre: newlye compyled into one Volume, That is to say, His Flowers, Hearbes, Weedes, the Fruites of warre, the Comedie called Supposes, the Tragedie of Jocasta, the Steele glasse, the Complaint of Phylomene, the Storie of Ferdinando Ieronimi, and the pleasure of Kenilworth Castle. Lond' Abel Jeffes, 1587, 4^{to}.

That about Kenelworth Castle is thus intituled at the beginning ; *A briefe rehearsall, or rather a true Copie of as much as was presented before her maiesties (sic) at Kenelworth, during her last aboade there.* The running Title is, *The princely pleasures at Kenelworth Castle.* Her Majesty entered the Castle on Saturday, July 9, 1575. This account by Gascoigne ²⁰ is nothing near so good as that by R. L., Gent., Mercer, printed that very year as I take it. That little 8^{vo} thing is wonderfully scarce, and in p. 15 is observed, that the forenoon of Sunday (the day immediately after the Queen's access) was spent in quiet and vacation from work & in divine servis and preaching at the parish church ; yet the afternoon was spent in excellent musick, on sundry sweet instruments, and in dancing of Lordes and Ladies, and other worshipfull degrees, a thing however passed over by Gascoigne without notice.

In A. ii. of Gascoigne's (for tis not paged, tho' the Tracts preceding are) are verses at her Majestie's entrance, devised and pronounced by Master ³⁰
Badger of Oxenforde, Maister of Arte and Bedle in the same Universitie.

Gascoigne saith nothing was done that Sunday until the evening, at which time he saith, there were fireworks shewed upon the water.

May 20 (Sun.). I have often wondered that Mr. Wood hath not given us any account of Christopher Ocland, author of *Anglorum Proelia* &c. Ask Mr. Baker about him. His Book ordered by Queen Eliz. to be read and taught in Grammar and Free Schools. The Letters (of her Majestie's High Commissioners) for that end bear date at London, May 7, 1582, in which he is called *one Christopher Ocklande*. They are prefixed to the Edition at Lond. of 1582, 8^{vo}. ⁴⁰

Mr. H. Wanley was buried in the Church of Marybone, and my Lord Oxford intends another Monument, besides the English one that he hath put there for him.

To ask Mr. Baker, of what College in Cambridge George Gascoigne was.

May 19, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 113) [see Diary, May 28, 31].

¹ His name was Pafraet.—Ed.

May 21 (Mon.). They have a Tradition at Dunfermling in Fife that it was the same architect who built Durham Cathedral & the abbey church of Dunfermling. From Mr. Loveday, Feb. 22, 1732. Indeed Fordun says, at p. 423, *rex Malcolmus novam Dunelmensem ecclesiam fundare cepit et edificare . . . Fundavit itaque ecclesiam sancte Trinitatis de Dunfermline ante diu.*

May 22 (Tu.). Gascoigne's *Princely pleasures at Kenelworth Castle* is nothing near so good as that by R. L., Gent. Mercer (which I have) printed in 1575 (as I take it) being the very year the Queen was at Kenelworth, when upon the Sunday, immediately after the Queen's arrival there, there was such dancing at that place of Lords and Ladies, and other worshipfull degrees (a thing however passed over by Gascoigne) and other sports used (the Queen herself making one) as is noted by R. L. whose name at length I want to know, and I must remember to ask Mr. Baker if he can help me to it.

I have been told that Mr. Murray hath a Catalogue of at least part of his Collection of Books, which I should be glad to see. I used to desire Mr. Murray to have a Catalogue drawn of all his books, not omitting even the least fragment, because I am perswaded, Mr. Murray's collection must be very old, and in many respects very extraordinary. But even an imperfect Catalogue (be it never so imperfect) would please me. 'Twas Mr. West, that told me of Mr. Murray's Catalogue, viz. on Saturday the 12th inst.

Mr. West then told me, that tho' he buried one (the eldest) sister lately, yet he hath 3 sisters still living, and that they are all married.

May 23 (Wed.). The Western, but meanest part of Dunfermling church is still standing, and is used for the Parish church. Against the wall of the N. Isle is an arch with this Inscription over it:—D. Roberto Pitcarno | Abbati Fermidoluni | Archidecano S. Andre | et Legato Regio, ejusque | Majestati a secretis Positum. From Mr. Loveday, Feb. 22, 1732.

Below this on another stone follows this inscription:—

Hic situs est Heros modica Robertus in urna

Pitcarnus, patriae spes columnenque suae;

Quem virtus, gravitas, generoso pectore digna,

Ornant, et vera cum pietate fides.

Post varios vitae fluctus, jam mole relictâ

Corporis, Elysium pergit in umbra nemus.

Oiit, anno 1584, 18 Oct., aetatis 64.

How Pitcairn acted against Mary Q. of Scots, and what his notions of Monarchy & Majesty were may be seen in Camden's Eliz. p. 164 &c. 224 &c.

May 21, 1733. R. Frewin to H. (Rawl. 14. 136). Sends two subscriptions for the Annals of Dunstaple, one for himself and one for his namesake, Thomas Frewin of Lincolns Inn.

May 22, 1733. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 298). Returns Gascoigne's account of the princely pleasures at Kenelworth Castle.

May 22, 1733. John Bailly of South Cadbury, near Sherborne, Dorsetshire to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 38). Desires to become a subscriber.

May 24 (Thur.). On Whitsunday last (May 13) came to Oxford on foot 15 ringers from London, and the day before came on horse-back one Mr. Skelton, about 14 or 15 years ago a Commoner of Queen's Coll. Oxford, and an excellent Ringer, and at this time Register to the Bishop of London (Gibson) and a Proctor in the Arches. The next day being Monday, May 14, the Oxford ringers gave them a short peal at Magd. Coll., as they did in the evening a short one at Christ Church, the Londoners laying still that day, that they might refresh themselves after the fatigue of their journey. The day after (being Tuesday May 15) the Londoners rang a peal admirably well at New Col-¹⁰ lege of about 1,500 changes from a little before 11 Clock in the morning till 12, and in the evening they did the same at Christ Church. On Wed. May 16, they (the Londoners) began to ring at Christ Church in the morning a quarter or more before 12, & they rang till 2 most incomparably well, when the gudgeons being bad, the biggest bell (that is, the tenth) fell down, but not through the loft, otherwise they proposed to have rang 5,040 changes. In the Evening they rang the 8 bells at Magd. Coll., but 2 or 3 ropes breaking, they could not proceed above $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. On Thurs. May 17, they began to ring at New College, proposing to ring the said number of changes, viz. 5,040, there. They began a little before 12 &²⁰ rang about 3 quarters of an hour, when one of the ropes broke, & so they were stopped. Afterwards they dined at the Weers beyond Frier Bacon's study, and some (if not all) of them stepping over to Iffley, they rang the six bells there (viz. 700 changes upon them). The next day, being Friday May 18, they were resolved to ring the above mentioned number of 5,040 changes upon New College ten bells, as they had begun to do before. Accordingly they began a little before 12 in the morning, and rang full 2 hours wanting two minutes, when one of the ropes broke, & put a stop to the peal, for which all were very sorry, as they were at the fall of the Great Bell at Christ Church. For their ringing at both places,³⁰ as well as elsewhere, was most surprizingly fine, without the least fault from beginning to end, such as never was before in Oxford, and 'tis a scandal, that the Bells should be not in good order. Saturday May 19 they went out of Town. On Tuesday May 22 the great Bell at Christ Church was got up again, and in the evening the Oxford men rang all ten, and endeavoured to imitate the Londoners, but they were soon out, and made poor work of it in comparison of the others.

May 25 (Fri.). One Taylor of London pretends to be a very great Surgeon and Oculist, and as an Oculist he hath the boldness to declare, that he hath done most strange cures, & to have found out such a method, as⁴⁰ never was known before. He hath been in several parts of England, as also in Ireland, & published many Advertisements relating to himself, & to a book he hath undertaken to write & publish upon the Subject. But at Dublin & other places he hath been detected to be a meer cheat, altho' he hath advertized, that he was honourably received at Dublin, & had a publick Testimony given him there of his great skill. But it seems the Corporation at Dublin he was made free of, is that of the Barber-Surgeons, which consists only of Wigmakers and some Apothecaries; the Surgeons were formerly of it, but the Wigmakers and Apothecaries were so numerous

as to govern the Corporation and affront the Surgeons, who have therefore left them; so that now no Surgeon of note condescends to roll with or to be of their Corporation. To these Taylor paid ten guineas for his freedom, he also paid 50 shillings for the Box the seal from them is in (an account whereof he hath publickly advertized, on purpose to blazon his fame in England) and as much more to an Apothecary that was in the Corporation for inditing the Inscription for it in Latin, which he also printed. He published an Advertisement at Dublin, signed by the Master & two Wardens of the Corporation (who were two Wigmakers & an
 10 Apothecary) who assert they examined him, and found him very skillfull in Chirurgical Operations with regard to the Eyes. He mentioned particular persons in England, on whom he had performed great cures, some of whom that were writ to, denyed they had ever any acquaintance with him, or occasion for his assistance. Little regard is to be had to the accounts to be met with of him in the Newspapers. He was very pompously recommended to the Dublinians in their Newspapers, but upon enquiry, they found he both drew up the encomiums, and paid the News-writer for inserting them.

May 26 (Sat.). Mr. Cholmley of Merton College, B.A., who is
 20 within a year of being M.A., is a very pretty civil young Gentleman, & went to School at Westminster under Dr. Robert Freind. He told me yesterday that he is 21 years of age. He is, by what I could gather, of Lincolnshire within four miles of Grantham, and inclined to Learning. Quære, what relation these Cholmleys are to the Cholmleys of Whitby in Yorkshire.

Mr. Robinson of Merton College (who is printing Hesiod at the Theater in 4^{to}) is Chaplain to Dr. Rob. Clavering, Bishop of Peterborough.

I hear just now, that the foresaid Mr. Cholmley of Merton College
 30 is very ingenious, & hath good parts, but that he is conceited, and not so virtuous as could be wished, being too rakish; but inquire more.

May 27 (Sun.). The History of the Rebellions in England, Scotland and Ireland, wherein the most material Passages, Sieges, Battles, Policies and Stratagems of War, are impartially related on both sides; from the year 1640 to the beheading of the Duke of Monmouth in 1685. In three parts. By Sir Roger Manley Kt., late Governour of Landguard Fort. *Quæque ipse miserrima vidi.* Lond. 1691, 8^{vo}.

The author was a Gentleman of known integrity, bred in the Church of England; for whose cause, joined with that of the Royal Family, he was
 40 a valiant and zealous Champion, having been personally engaged in the most considerable Battles, which his Royal Master, King Charles I, fought against his Rebellious Subjects. What he relates, is not borrowed from other mens labours, but 'tis an entire uniform History (tho' I think not so compleat as the Author intended it) compiled with great Impartiality, and, for the most Part, of his own certain Knowledge. To free him from suspicion of any wilfull mistake in these Memoirs, 'tis sufficient to observe, that he collected them in those troublesome times, whose Iniquity would not admit the Publication of them; which he reserved

therefore, till there was a clear Stage for Truth to appear on. And, having survived that Great Rebellion for many years, he added to the History of that, an account of all the remarkable Transactions, with the Conspiracies, Insurrections and Tumults, that happened in the reign of King Charles II; and concludes with the Invasion and Overthrow of the Duke of Monmouth in the west. Dying soon after he had finished these Commentaries, the Publication of them was entrusted to the anonymous Editor, who very readily undertook it; since he had the Honour to know the Author so well, that his very Name was a sufficient Recommendation of the work. And all honest men that knew Sir Roger Manley, were very ¹⁰ desirous of a history from his hand, whose pen was as loyal and just as his sword.

Quaere whether Sir Roger were a Cambridge man, and what year he died in.

May 28 (Mon.). Mr. Baker hath only an Obituary of the Non-juring suffering clergy, & a catalogue of such of them, as were writers, in neither of which does he meet with Mr. William Tanner, nor hath he observed him in the Catalogue published with Mr. Kettlewell's Life. So he says he must refer me to Dr. Rawlinson who is best instructed in these matters. 20

Dr. Rawlinson hath a design, to publish Hatcher's Catalogue, with the Continuation (and an History of Eton College done by the Dr. himself). The Dr. sent to Mr. Baker his Catalogue, which Mr. Baker compared with the best Catalogues he hath met with.

The Dr. not long ago insinuated, that he had some such design upon Hatcher, but seemed to have dropped it on account of some one that I think was of the College and intended it also. As far as I could gather, the Dr.'s Copy is so interpolated & altered, as not to know what was really Hatcher's and Scot's from what was others.

I never had any fixt resolution of printing Hatcher & Scot, tho' I have ³⁰ had a transcript many years. But were I to do it, I should be for printing it without interpolations as they left it, just as I did Richard Parker's Sceletos, of which tho' Mr. Baker tells me he hath a better copy than that which is printed, yet I question whether he hath a better genuine copy of Parker's real work, whatever he may have with respect to Additions and Interpolations done by others. Leland's Coll. (in which Parker is printed) came out in 1715, in which year I corresponded with Mr. Baker, but I knew nothing at that time of his copy of Hatcher.¹

Dr. Aldrich told me and others that Bp. Fell's edition of the Greek Testament in 8^{vo} is preferable to others, not excepting even Dr. Mill's, and ⁴⁰ indeed I do think it in many respects better than Dr. Mill's.

May 29 (Tu.). I am told, there is a tradition that some of the monuments at the dissolution were translated from Glastonbury to Wells,

May 28, 1733. John Talbot to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 216). Hopes to be in Oxford in the middle of August, when he will call on H.

¹ He means *Parker*.—Ed.

and that in Wells Cathedral is a stone without Inscription to Abbat Whiting. I mentioned it today to Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells, in a letter.

I was told last night (what I had not heard before) that on the 4th inst. Judge Fortescue was made Dr. of Civil Law by our University Convocation by Diploma, and that the Diploma is printed in the news Papers.

Dr. Hickes would have had Mr. Michael Mattaire to have taken Holy Orders, but he declined it, at which Dr. Hickes was not very well pleased, as I have heard. This Mr. Mattaire is a Nonjuror or rather (as they call
 10 such as frequent the Public Churches & joyn with the Complyers) half a Nonjuror.

May 30 (Wed.). The Prints tell us that Queen Caroline, having given a thousand librs. towards finishing the new building of Queen's College, Oxon, (of which the Queens, consorts of England, are, by the Charter of Edw. III, declared Patronesses in succession) this benefaction was on Wed. the 23rd inst. transmitted to the Provost of the said College (Dr. Jos. Smith) by the Right Hon. Arthur Onslow Esq., Speaker of the House of Commons, and Chancellor to her Majesty.

They also take notice that the Univ. of Oxford in Convocation assem-
 20 bled, have unanimously conferred the Degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Hon. Sir John Fortescue, one of the Judges of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas, by Diploma.

They likewise tell us that on Friday the 18th inst. died the Rev. Mr. Edm. Chishull, B.D., formerly Fellow of Corpus Christi College Oxon., at his House at Walthamstow in Essex, of which Place he was Vicar. He was Author of several things, one against Mr. Dodwell, and was a very furious, violent, hot-headed, proud man. He was a scholar with respect to the Greek tongue, & had a great memory, but little Judgment.

30 The Prints likewise take notice that on Sat. the 12th inst., the Right Rev. Dr. Thomas Tanner, Lord Bishop of St. Asaph, was married to a beautiful young Lady of about 15 years of age,¹ and a Fortune of 20,000 l.

Yesterday I perused *An Inquiry into the State of the ancient Measures, the Attick, the Roman, and especially the Jewish. With an Appendix, concerning our old English Money, and Measures of content.* Lond. 1721, 8^{vo} in 476 pages besides Title Page, Preface & Contents. Bishop Hooper is the author, tho' his name be not to it. It is an obscure thing, like Dr. Bernard's, & gave me but very little (if any) Satisfaction.

40 **May 31 (Thur.).** Mr. Baker knows no more of John Tregonwell, than his name occurring in some of our Histories.

Mr. Baker knew Sir Ralph Cole very well, & had the honor to be pretty nearly related to him (his father, Sir Nicholas, was Mr. Baker's godfather). He had a strange genius for mechanicall Arts, & was very curious in painting. He has left several Specimens of his skill, particularly a picture of Dr. Sudbury, Dean of Durham, which is hung up in the Dean and

¹ She is about 35. Note by Hearne.

Chapter's Library, founded by that Dean. He was, as Mr. Baker thinks, taught, when very young, by Sir Ant. Van Dyck, one of whose pieces he gave to Mr. Baker's father, now or lately hanging up in the House. He was of no University, that Mr. Baker knows of.

On Thursday the 17th inst., dyed Dr. William Baker of Cambridge, who was a friend of Mr. Thomas Baker's. He was a worthy man, and hath one or more sermons extant, and perhaps somewhat else. Quaere.

June 1 (Fri.). Beaupré Bell jun. Esq. hath got an old Seal of Tho. de Hemingforde, a leaden cast of which he designs to send me. He hath also got a folio collection of Historico-Political Tracts (some Latin some 10 English) made by an Ancestor & namesake of his in James I's time, the first of which is *Leicester's Commonwealth*, of which there are more MSS. extant than of any other piece I know. Mr. Bell says, if I have not had it before, he will send it me. [He hath since lent it me.] Mr. Thomas Collins, schoolmaster of Magd., left me at his death a MS. thereof which I have, but there was a Preface (as Mr. Collins said) which is now wanting. The Preface was never printed, & was remarkable. Mr. Collins lent his Book out, & so the Preface was lost, & Mr. Collins could never retrieve it. The MSS. differ from the printed copies (as I remember) very much, and perhaps the MSS. may likewise differ much one from the other 20 in some things.

Yesterday Mr. Euseby Isham, Rector of Lincoln College, accumulated and was presented to the degrees of Bach. and Dr. of Div. as a Grand Compounder.

June 2 (Sat.). Mr. John Baily, formerly of Balliol College, (as a member of which he took the Degree of M.A. on Apr. 22, 1721) is now Rector of South Cadbury in Somersetshire. He is a worthy man, and much in love with our English Antiquities, and on that account is great with Dr. Edm. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells.

Quaere, where it was that Sir Thomas White, founder of St. John 30 Baptist's College Oxon. was born. The common tradition is that he was born at Reading, and so the MS. life of him in St. John Baptist's College. John Stowe (p. 584 of his Survey, ed. fol. antiq.), tells us that he was Mayor of London 1553, that he was Merchant Taylor, and sonne to Thomas White of Rickmansworth in Hertfordshire.

June 3 (Sun.). In Trinity Church at Hull is the Rev. Mr. Thomas Whincop's Monument. Quaere about him, whether he were a Cambridge man and a writer.

The site of Selby Abbey in the West Riding of Yorkshire belonged to the Walmesleys of Lancashire, and does now belong to the Lady Dowager 40 Petre, a daughter of that House. From Mr. Loveday, June 2, 1733.

Spittle in the Street in Lincolnshire. On the outside of the small Chappel that belongs to the Almshouses here is this Inscription.

Fui anno domini 1398	} dom' dei et pauperum
Non fui 1594	
Sum 1616	

Qui hanc, Deus hunc destruet.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether Dr. Lambe commonly called the

Conjurer, who was murdred by the rabble at London in 1628 (for which the City was fined 6000 libs.) were ever of Cambridge.

June 4 (Mon.). On Saturday last in the afternoon was drowned one Jonathan Polly, a young man of 19 years of age, as he was swimming (the cramp taking him) in Scholars Pool in the Isis by Christ Church meadow Oxon. He was servant to Mr. Oliver Battely, student of Christ Church & minister of Cowley. He was carried in an Herse to Cowley last night, and buried then there, at evening Prayer, at which time the 3 first verses of the LXXIXth Psalm were sung.

- 10 **June 5 (Tu.).** Last night called at my room, one Mr. Sawyer, a frame gilder of London, & shewed me a note, written (he said) by one Mr. Bridges, a painter of London, brother to my late friend John Bridges Esq., in which note 'twas expressed that Mr. Bridges hoped I would encourage the sale of a print of Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge, in order to which he had sent two douzen at 2s. 6d. each. I immediately replied that I had had a letter from Mr. Baker, that he did not sit for it, that 'twas done by stealth, was not like the original, & was not done by a skilfull hand. See at the beginning of this Book, March 28. It seems, 'twas done by this Mr. Bridges himself, who now acknowledges
20 it to be done by memory, but says 'tis approved of both by Mr. Baker & others, which I believe to be false, Mr. Baker having told me it was done without his approbation, & Mr. West (when he was in Oxford tother day) having assured me that 'tis sadly done. Upon this account I neither received nor saw so much as one of these Prints, this Mr. Bridges being an utter stranger to me.

June 6 (Wed.). The Prints of Mon. June 4 tell us, that the Rev. Mr. William Jones is presented by his Lordship Dr. Tanner, Bp. of St. Asaph, to the vicarage of Llanlibet, in the county of Flint and diocese of St. Asaph, void by the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Kenny.

- 30 **A Chronological Essay on the Sacred History, from the Creation of the World to the Birth of Christ, being a defence of the computation of the Septuagint, with Tables, wherein the Greek and Hebrew Accounts are compared together and adjusted to the Julian Period. To which is added an Essay on the Confusion of Languages and a Discussion of that Question *Whether the Primitive Language be any where remaining.* Lond. 1729, 8^{vo} (Fletcher Gyles). A small thing of six sheets by Thomas Brett LL.D.**

- This Dr. Brett (who is now a Nonjuror) is a learned man and a clear writer. But I think his Essay about the Primitive Language, in which
40 he asserts that there is no such Language, will not bear water. He takes not the least notice of what Mr. Webb, with great strength of reasoning & much learning and judgment, had said for the Chinese Language (which from thence appears to have been the original Language) long since in his Essay, founded on what Sir Walter Raleigh had noted long before. Perhaps Dr. Brett had never seen Mr. Webb's book, but sure he could not be ignorant of Sir Walter Raleigh.

Since that, Dr. Brett hath written & published, A General History of the World from the Creation to the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, being the Period with which the old Testament con-

cludes; wherein the Sacred and Prophane History is corrected, the Septuagint and Hebrew Chronology compared, and adjusted to the years before Christ. Lond' (Fletcher Gyles) 1732, 8^{vo} in 21 sheets. Here are many pretty observations and 'tis better than the Essay. But I do not approve his preferring the Septuagint to the Hebrew, tho' he brings very good reasons for it.

June 7 (Thur.). On Monday last died at Witney, at his Father's house, John Holloway D.D. and Fellow of Magd. Coll. Oxford. He took the Degree of M.A. June 23, 1716, and that of Bach. of Div. Dec. 15, 1726, and proceeded Dr. since. He was married about four 10 months since to a woman of four thousand libs. fortune, he being looked upon as rich himself. His father is a clergyman,¹ and very wealthy. His (Dr. Holloway's) widow is said to be with child. He was a strong lusty man, and very blunt in his affairs, but looked upon as very honest. I have heard nothing [more] against him, than that he loved money. He caught cold some time since, which he neglected too much, which threw him into a Fever that proved mortal. [He was buried at Witney, Friday, June 8.]

From Mr. Loveday. Within St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on the N. side of the W. door, is this Inscription (made by Dean Swift) in 20 golden letters, over the figure of a Bishop (inserted in the Wall) vested & mitred:—*Jesus est Salvator meus. | Presul Metropolis Michael hic Dubliniensis | Marmore tumbatus. Pro me Christum flagitetis. | Vetus hoc monumentum e ruderibus capellae | Divi Stephani nuper instauratae erutum, decanus | et Capitulum huc transferri curaverunt A.D. 1730 | Michael Tregury, Cornubia natus, Archiepiscopus Dublin A.D. 1449; obiit 12^{mo} | die Decembris A.D. 1471. | Plura videsis apud Jacobum Ware de praesulibus Hyberniae.*²

In Ware's time this monument was to be seen near St. Stephen's Altar. It is the Presbytery that is called St. Stephen's Chappel. It is now made 30 use of by an Episcopal Congregation of French Protestants. Under a S. Arch of the Nave is a large & very handsome marble monument for Narcissus Marsh, Archbp. of Armagh, with a Latin Inscription. He died Nov. 2, 1713, aet. 75.

Mr. Loveday was informed that Dr. Swift's father was a counsellor at Law; that the Dr. was born in Bride Street, Dublin; that he was 64 years old upon St. Andrews's day 1731, that he was made Dean of St. Patrick's in 1713, being then minister of Laracor (Mr. Loveday is not sure of the spelling of this word) in Meath, which he still holds.

Narcissus Marshe's Library stands S.E. of St. Patrick's Cathedral & in 40 the Cemetery.

June 8 (Fri.). From Mr. Loveday, Dec. 28, 1732. The Parish Church of Denbigh stands about a mile eastwards out of town. It is

June 7, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 46) [see Diary, June 19, 20].

¹ He is since dead as I heard on Sat. night, Oct. 20, 1733, in great measure (as is supposed) for grief. Note by Hearne.

² This last line seems to be the addition of Hearne or Loveday.—Ed.

called *Whitchurch* & dedicated to St. Marcellus. Humphrey Lloid's alabaster monument is set up in the wall N. of the Altar. Under the Arms is a small figure of deceased, kneeling on a cushion before a desk on which is a book open. He has a long sword by his side. On the stone below this is the following inscription, every letter a capital.

The Corps and earthly shape doth rest: here tomyd in your sihght
Of Humfrey Lloid Mr of Arte: a famus worthy wight.

By fortunes hapye lore he espowsyd: and toke hys wyfe to be
Barbara seconde syster to: the Noble Lord Lumle.

10 Splendian, Hare, Jane and John: Humfrey, allso Lumeley
His children were of whiche be dead: Jane and eke Humfre.

His famus monumentes and deedes: that lusteth for to see
Here in the Epytaph anexte: set furth at large they be.

Where this *Epytaph anexte* was written, unless on the stone lying on his grave I cannot tell, says A. Wood in Athen. Ox. Vol. I. p. 165 Ed. 2nd. Another stone below this has musical notes engraved on it. Wood says that he practised sometimes the faculty of Musick for Diversion sake.

I do remember that I have seen in the late Mr. Edw. Lhuyd's MSS.
20 Collections those very musical notes that are here mentioned to be on the stone to Humfrey Lloid. But I forget whether Mr. Lhuyd hath said any thing in particular about him.

June 9 (Sat.). Mr. Moses Williams designs to give a new Edition of Humphry Lloid's *Fragmenta Britanniae*. I wish rather he would, with the assistance of others, give us in Welsh & Latin the old British MS. Chronicle in Jesus College Library. But in excuse, he says 'tis nothing else but Geffry of Monmouth and so does young Mr. Wynne of Jesus College, who had otherwise a design of printing it. But as I apprehend, tis fuller than Geffry & is the original, Geffry's being the Translation.
30 tion. Aluredus Bev. also, before Geffry, took his work (which I printed) from the Original.

June 10 (Sun.). Yesterday about five Clock in the afternoon Dr. Conybear (Dean of Christ Church) brought his wife to Oxford from London. I hear they were married at the beginning of the last week. This Dr. Conybear is a very passionate man & beloved by very few in Christ Church. 'Tis credibly reported, that he would say very lately, that he hoped to live to see all the Charity Schools in England demolished or destroyed.

June 11 (Mon.). Yesterday at two Clock in the afternoon died
40 Mrs. Eliz. Cotes, wife of Mr. Digby Cotes, Principal of Magd. Hall, in the 41st year of her age. [Upon her coffin was put only 35, but 'twas wrong]. She was a very fine beautiful woman, which she carried to the last. Her maiden name was Banister. She hath left her husband ten young children, the youngest born about a fortnight ago. She was delivered well, but longing for a carrot, she had one, & never was well after she eat it. Her eldest sister, Mrs. Anne Banister, never yet married, lived with her at her Husband's and so does still, a beautifull woman also

but much inferior to Mrs. Cotes. [She was buried in St. Peter's church in the East Oxon. between 10 & 11 at night, Tuesd. June 12].

June 12 (Tu.). There was lately found in the fields near Stamford, Lincolnshire, a brass seal, inscribed s. THOME. DE. HEMINGFORD round an head, adorned in an uncommon manner; whether of any relation to the historian of that name, I know not, but being curious of its kind, Mr. Beaupré Bell junior will take an opportunity of sending me an impression, which he hath taken in metal.

June 13 (Wed.). Mr. George Ballard of Campden in Gloucestershire, told me last night that Mr. Graves's study of books were sold by his son 10 Morgan Graves in a most scandalous manner for a sum of 40 libs. or a little more, I mean his printed books (for his MSS. Mr. West had got before) & that he heard a Bookseller was the purchaser.

Ask Mr. West about two ancient inscriptions found at St. Alban's, brought to light lately, one upon an odd urn, the other upon the hilt or handle of a sword.¹

Ask him for a sight of the Catalogue of Mr. Graves's books, provided he hath it.

Mr. Ballard told me last night that Mr. Ames, whom I have mentioned under Aug. 10, 1732, is one of the most rigid Presbyterian Dissenters in 20 all London. I have before guessed him to be a Presbyterian. Mr. Ballard corresponds with him by letters, and is also personally acquainted with him.

The said Ames is much acquainted with Mr. Lewis of Margate. Ames is about a new edition of the said Lewis's *Antiquities of the Isle of Thanet*, which is (I am told) a poor performance, as all Lewis's pieces are but mean. This Lewis sets up for a new sort of religion of his own framing.

Some say Samuel Gale Esq. hath the best collection of Prints of any man in England.

There is a Painting at full length of Mr. Graves, which I never heard of till last night. Mr. Morgan Graves hath had it engraved by Mr. Vertue, but 'tis not dispersed, Mr. Morgan Graves having not satisfied Mr. Vertue for it (12 Guineas or 12 pounds, I think, is the price) but returned all upon his hands. Enquire farther.

Mr. Ballard at the same time told me, Mr. West (as he had it from himself) had at least an hundred gold coins of the Roman Emperors.

Mr. West hath got Peter Le Neve's MSS. collections for Norfolk. They

June 12, 1733. H. to Mrs. Jane Hearne (Rawl. 28. 133). 'Honoured Mother-in-law, I have sent you a Guinea token, which I desire you to accept of. I have not heard from Brother Edmund since I wrote to him above a year since about Brother William's death; but I learn from others that he is well, hath good business, & (which is commendable) that he minds it. Be pleased to let me know what age you are of; and at the same time to signify, whether this comes safe. Your Letter is dated from Wargrove Parish near Cockpole. I know nothing of this Cockpole.'

¹ See July 21.

are (it seems) 70 vols. in folio; so he told Mr. Ballard. They are those MSS. that Mr. Le Neve gave to the church of Norwich.

Mr. Ballard is collecting materials, in order to write the Life of John Stowe. He wants to see Mr. Murray's collection of John Stowe's Summary, which is more complete than any I know of.

June 14 (Thur.). Remember to take notice to Mr. Anstis, that some are angry & mutter at what I have said about Archbishop Sancroft in my Preface to Otterbourne & Whethamstede, & they are particularly incensed, that I should print the Archbishop's Instrument or Mandate, but knowing
10 that all is true, they do not break out, but shew their resentment in a private way among one another.

Mr. Fletcher Gyles of London, bookseller, told me last night, that he hath got Dr. Wallis's works in III volumes fol. printed at the Theater with the Doctor's MSS. corrections and additions in his own hand throughout, in which is a note written by the Dr., by which the Dr. signifies, he intended they should, upon his death, go to the Savilian Study. Mr. Gyles had them with other books of the Doctor's grandson by purchase. Mr. Gyles designed last night to call upon Mr. Professor
20 Study, provided, in lieu thereof, he might have a fair printed Copy of the Doctor's works, what I think very reasonable. The books Mr. Gyles bought of Mr. Wallis had all belonged to Dr. Wallis.

This day Mr. Thomas Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., & Mr. Sam. Green of Queen's College were presented to the degrees of B. and Dr. in Div. in the Convocation House.

June 15 (Fri.). Mr. Fanshaw of Christ Church went out Dr. in Div. yesterday, being presented in the Convocation House.

Dr. John Friend's works are come out in Latin in folio, the English one being translated by Dr. John Wigan. I have not seen them, but
30 Dr. Wigan hath given an account of the author, & they are dedicated to Queen Carolina. The dedication is by Dr. Robert Friend.

June 16 (Sat.). Yesterday about one Clock in the afternoon Bp. Tanner brought his new wife to Christ Church, but she is about
40 years of age as I am told, & not so young as 15, as was given out.

Mr. Ward of Warwick hath made diligent search about Gyraldus Cornubiensis, but to no purpose, he being not able to meet with any of his writings, or to tell where any of them are.

June 17 (Sun.). Yesterday morning died Mr. Henry Silvester, of All Hallows parish Oxford, cordwainer, aged 66. He died in the Work-
40 house belonging to that Parish, where he was put on Thursday May 31 last. In the former part of his life he had good business, and kept journeymen, but being very lazy & careless, he dwindled, sold that little

June 14, 1733. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 14. 89). Sends subscriptions for the Chronicle of Dunstable.

June 16, 1733. H. to Thomas Coute (Coute MS. 227. 191). Has received four guineas.

June 17, 1733. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 14. 36) [see Diary, June 23].

estate (which was Free land at Cassenton, where he was born) he had, grew very poor, left off his trade, & set up for a cobbler, but was then also unaccountably idle. He had much acquaintance, who were very kind to him. He was a facetious, inoffensive companion, and used to make good sport in company. His way was to go from one Ale House to another almost all day, which broke his constitution, that was very good. His wife hath been dead some years. She was bedmaker at Brazenose College, and was a very notable honest woman.

The first thing that put Mr. George Ballard upon reading our English Histories and Antiquities was his reading the little historical twelve-penny 10 pieces put out under the name of Richard Burton, in which are abundance of pretty diverting and delightfull stories, which have made the books to be in great vogue among the Vulgar.

June 18 (Mon.). John Stowe had a MS. of Dudo de sancto Quintino. See Camden Britannia p. 49, 8^{vo}.

Upon a brass plate in Edven Church in Herefordshire from a copy shewed me Sat. May 12, 1733. [Then a *facsimile* of the letters.] The said copy of an inscription was shewed me by one Oliver, a clergyman of Merton College, who averred it to be in the said church of Edven; but I soon guessed it to be a sham. In other letters it is:—Thome de 20 Addehen, ubicumque dicentibus Pater & Ave pro anima Matildis Cyddefc dominus Cristus det onus 30 die venie.

Henry Silvester was buried in Alhallowes churchyard Oxon last night very decently, viz. Sunday night June 17.

June 19 (Tu.). The Mayor of Cambridge was in old time called Prepositus. The first grant of one to that place was by K. John, whose charter was afterwards confirmed by Hen. III. Mr. Baker hath sent me both charters from the originals transcribed by himself. I shall print them in *The Chronicle of Dunstable* that I am now upon.

Mr. Baker does not find of what College Geo. Gascoigne was of in the 30 Univ. of Cambridge. Their College Registers are very imperfect, and most of 'em modern. Their own general Register, at St. John's, begins no sooner than the year 1629; nor does he know whether Sir Roger Manley was of any University.

June 20 (Wed.). Yesterday morning Mr. George Ballard of Camden called upon me again. He rode with his brother-in-law Ellys out of Oxford on Wed. the 13th to Abbingdon, Wantage, Newbury, Lamborne &c., and returned to Oxford Saturday June 16. He was diligent in

June 19, 1733. Richard Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 174). Thanks for H.'s letter. 'I had heard the same as to the author of S. Parker's life: it would be well if he could clear him of the turpitude of putting in your MS. into Bodley. The same person has wrote Dr. Leigh's life, but in these parts we hope it will nere be published, as we fear somewhat both from the nature of the writer and subject he treats on, both very retired and ascetical, the consequence of which is most frequently a degree of what I care not to mention, tho' it has been very exactly described by Lord Shaftesbury.' [See Diary, June 28.]

looking after coins, but met with no great matter. Nor did he meet with one rare book. Two books he pickt up, but neither of them is rare, viz. a Caxton's Chron. of Julianus Notary's edition and the folio book with wooden cutts called *The Ship of Fools*.

Dr. Baker of Cambridge has left nothing besides two or three sermons in print. He dyed aged 52.

On Mond. the fourth inst. the Bishop of Ely's citation of Dr. Bently to appear before him at Ely House, Holborne, on Wed. the 13th inst. was sent & delivered to the Dr., who thereupon went up to London.

- 10 Mr. Ballard, who returned to Campden yesterday, is a great admirer of John Fox the Martyrologist, and does what he can to support the credit of Fox's Acts & Monuments, a book now in no great reputation, the author, however a learned and industrious man, being a most notorious Puritan, & very credulous with respect to stories trumped up against the Catholics.

- June 21 (Thur.).** The news Papers tell us, that on Saturday June 9 last came on at Doctors Commons, before the Right Worshipfull Dr. Bettesworth, Dean of the Arches Court of Canterbury, a further hearing in the cause depending in that Court, between the Rev. Mr. 20 Goole, vicar of Ensham and schoolmaster of Witney in the county of Oxford, plaintiff, and Mr^s. Hudson, alias Boyce, wife of John Boyce Esq., son of Sir John Boyce of Oxford, kt., defendant, concerning a marriage contract, prior to Mr^s. Hudson's marriage with Mr. Boyce, when the Judge, after hearing counsel on both sides, was pleased on Tues. June 12 to pronounce sentence in favour of Mr^s. Boyce's marriage. When the said news came to Oxford, Sir John Boyce had St. Marie's bells rung for joy. The said Mr^s. Boyce, alias Hudson, is daughter of the late Dr. John Hudson. Notwithstanding the sentence, I can hardly doubt (& most agree with me) that there was a contract, & 'twas that very thing, 30 that broke her mother's heart, who died distracted. This young woman (I am told) is not one whit concerned at the crime, tho' 'tis most certainly a flagrant one.

- June 22 (Fri.).** On Monday last (the 18th inst.) Dr. Stapylton, late Fellow of All Souls College in Oxford, Rector of Harden¹ in the same County, and Prebendary of Worcester's books began to be sold by Auction at the old Auction Room² near North Gate, Oxon., & is divided into 15 days, till all are sold. They are many good books in it, but, I suppose, 'twas picked before exposed to sale. For in the main it nothing near answers the Character I had formerly heard of it. 40 Yesterday Spelman's Councils (in two volumes in folio) were sold in it for three libs. fifteen shillings, being bought by Mr. Crynes the Beadle, for Dr. Holdsworth of St. John's College Oxon. It must be noted that

June 21, 1733. Beaupré Bell gives to H. 'A Particuler of the Rents of the Bishoppricke of Bath and Wells' in 1685, showing that it was worth £1,042 (Rawl. 2. 82).

¹ i. e. Harpsden.—Ed.

² Probably in, or near, the Ship Inn.—Ed.

tho' the first volume of this work be far the best & most valuable, yet the second is by much the scarcest. This second volume which is very incorrect (there having been no tolerable care taken about the Transcripts) is not (as the first is) imbellished with notes & illustrations, being a posthumous piece, published by Sir William Dugdale, who likewise added a vast deal that was not in the MS. of Sir Henry. I have bought the first volume for half a crown & it goes very cheap now. Both volumes are worth (and that is as much as they are worth) a guinea and a half, or one lib. one¹ shill. and sixpence. I have known the second volume it self in large paper sold for 30 shillings, but both these were small 10 paper. Persons were set (what is common in Auctions) to raise the Price. This method in Auctions is a downright cheat, & makes honest men shy in bidding for any thing in them.

Yesterday Mr. Brome of Ewthington in Herefordshire's son called upon me, but did not stay, bringing a letter from Dr. Rawlinson at London. This young Gentleman is of Trinity Coll. in Cambridge, being (he said) chosen thither, I suppose from Westminster, but he was in such hast (*sic*), I could not get Intelligence. Ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge.

June 23 (Sat.). Some time since Beaupré Bell junior Esq. gave me a Parchment or Vellom fragment, containing an account of the election 20 of one of the abbots of St. Edmund's Bury, which account I shall print in the Chron. of Dunstaple. The said fragment was, as I guess, taken from some old Register, but from what Register Mr. Bell cannot give me any satisfactory account, it falling accidentally into his hands with Papers of a very different nature.

Remember to tell Mr. Baker that his schoolfellow Dr. Stapylton's books are selling by auction, and to tell him what Spelman's councils went at, and to ask him whether he knows in what forwardness the new edition (which is to be in III volumes) is.

June 24 (Sun.). From Mr. Loveday June 23. Leicester:—not one 30 stone remaining upon another of the Abbey of St. Mary de Prees, but just near the ground whereon it stood, and within the Abbey walls, is the shell of an handsome stone house, burnt long since. It was the estate of the *Hastings* Earls of Huntingdon, lost by them in gaming to the Duke of Devonshire's family; upon which the servants of *Hastings* removed the goods & (by order) set the house on fire. Not long since, the present Duke of Devonshire lost it in gaming to the Lord William

June 23, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 47). Knows nothing of any Dr. Lambe at Cambridge; or of any Thomas Whincop. Knows nothing of the author of *Certamen Seraphicum*, but has met with & extracted a Book MS. 'not printed that I know of' under this Title 'Evangelicall Fruit of the Seraphical Franciscan Order', wrote by N. Archibold, Capuchin, written in the year 1645, in 414 pages 4^{to}. Quotes from it a story of John Forbes who became a Capuchin with the name Father Archangel and died in 1606. Dr. Bentley's affair is likely to be tedious & expensive. 'Visitations which used to be summary & intended for our relief are now become the greatest Grievance.'

¹ He must mean *eleven*.—Ed.

Manners, brother to the Duke of Rutland. This Mr. Loveday was informed of by a man upon the place. Burton, at p. 162 of his Description of Leicester, which was published in 1622, mentions this Abbey as *then* belonging to the *Cavendish* family.

June 25 (Mon.). Mr. Camden hath a passage in his Brit. in Bedfordshire about Dun the Robber, from a private MS. History of Dunstaple. In the IInd vol. of the Monasticon p. 132 is a passage agreeable to it, but different in words, from a parchment or vellum MS. in the College of Arms. I know not, where the MS. used by Camden now is. Inquire of
10 Mr. Anstis about that in the Coll. of Arms. In this Coll. of Arms MS. Dun is called Dunning, and Dunstaple is called Dunningstable.

When Mr. Brome lent me his Godwyn, with MS. notes by Dr. Hutton, he would fain have had me add some MS. notes of my own, but I declined, not knowing what ill use some might make thereof, to whom the book might come. Yet I could have easily done it, had I been sure that only such men as Mr. Brome himself should have had the use thereof.

June 26 (Tu.). Raleigh, speaking of the Carthaginian War with the mercenaries & the endeavours of Hanno to quiet the Army, says of Carthage that by employing a miserable pennie-father in her negotiation
20 with men of Warre, she hath weakened the reputation of her bravest captaines, that might best have served to free her from the threatning danger; see Part II page 317. Matthew Pennefather Esq. & Kingsmill Pennefather Esq. are members of Parliament in Ireland.

June 27 (Wed.). In Dr. Ed. Borlase's Reduction of Ireland to the Crown of England, Lond. 1675, 8^{vo} is an account of the Original of the Universitie of Dublin, where giving an account of the Provosts of Trin. College, he writes thus of Bishop Chappel, the seventh Provost, page 154.

[A long extract from that book.]

June 28 (Thurs.). Dr. Rawlinson hath had from Mr. Sturges of
30 Churchill a very perfect account of Mr. Griffin especially as far as the latter's papers in his hands could lead him.

Mr. William Bedford sent me a note some time since about Oliver Cromwell. He copied it from a loose paper, and indorsed as such by my friend Dr. Thomas Smith.

Mr. Mattaire has published a few inscriptions as an Appendix to his Marmora.

One Pine an Engraver has, by the encouragement of several great and small Antiquaries, engraved Magna Charta from the Original in Bibl. Cotton where it suffered somewhat by the late fire as to the Seal and
40 writing. It is sold at 10s. 6d. in paper and 1l. 1s. in velum.

June 29 (Fri.). Yesterday calling upon Dr. Tanner, Bp. of St Asaph, at Christ Church he shewed me a folio MS. of his own compiling, but he said 'twas not quite filled up, in the manner of Newcourt's

[c June 26, 1733]. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 174). Hopes to see H next week, at the Act. [See Diary, June 30.]

Repertorium, being an account of all the Livings and of all the Incumbents from Age to Age of the Diocese of Norwich.

He could not tell me any thing about the MS. History of Dunstaple made use of by Camden.

June 30 (Sat.). Mr. West, in a letter I received last night, tells me, his collection of coins affords between 80 and 100 Greek & Roman Gold, & a tolerable Series of our own Gold. He says Mr. Peter Le Neve's MSS. Collections for Norfolk are given by his Will to Norwich, and Bp. Tanner & Mr. Thomas Maran of Pargrave in Suffolk are intrusted thereby to see the Will executed, so that he says I was misinformed, with regard to their¹⁰ being in his Possession. Mr. West hath a pretty many volumes of loose notes and deeds, relating to several other counties in England, collected by Mr. Le Neve, which he is endeavouring a little to digest.

[N.B. I have entered the said particulars, on account of what I had from Mr. Geo. Ballard, who however said he received it from Mr. West's own mouth.]

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July 1 (Sun.). The best part of Mr. Graves's printed books (among which were most of the English historians) were sold to Mr. Harding, Clerk of the House of Commons, for fourty five libs. The Black Book of the Exchequer (which I published) was given by young Mr. Graves [Morgan Graves] to Lord Chief Baron Reynolds. From Mr. West.²⁰

Mr. West hath not seen any inscription found on an urn at St. Alban's. The following inscription is on a piece of ivory, now in possession of Mr. Kettle of St. Alban's, lately found in the ruins of that Abbey, & seems to have been a whip handle. [See July 21.]

July 2 (Mon.). Adam Brome's Chappel at St. Marie's is new wainscotted against the approaching Oxford Act. But an Inconvenience attends it, that, by the Vice-chancellor Dr. Holmes's order, the openings are stopt up on the south side next the church, so that people cannot now hear there, whereas formerly abundance of Auditors (particularly in hot weather) used to be in this Chappell, particularly those of the inferior sort³⁰ (gowns men & others) which was of great service, in preventing the over numerous throngs in the church.

Yesterday a lusty man (a Tasker of Farmer Halley's of Heddington) was drowned in a deep hole in the River Charwell by King's Mill, as he was washing himself, the weather being very hot. It was about an hundred yards below the Mill. The man was hardly twenty years old.

July 3 (Tu.). The Assize sermon was preached this morning at St. Marie's by Mr. Thomas Randolph, of Corpus Christi College. The Assizes began here today, and when they are ended, the Judges go to Abbingdon, tho' they used to finish the Berkshire Assizes before the⁴⁰ Oxford ones. But they altered now on account of the approaching Oxford Act, being unwilling to bring any inconvenience by their presence

here at the Act to the house where they lodge, which after they are gone may be let to other lodgers, that have occasion.

July 4 (Wed.). Two houses being built upon the paddock by Magd. Coll. Bridge, a little canal or rivulet is newly dug between them north & south.

On Wed. June 27 last (there having been a very great & very fine Aurora Borealis all night) between 9 & 10 clock in the morning we heard thunder at a distance & we have some small rain several times of the day, and as 'twas a fine, so 'twas a very hot day.

10 They write from London that the said 27th of June they had such dreadful thunder and lightning, that most of the several vessels on the river Thames were split in pieces, and four or five sailors struck dead. Also that the same day about 12 o'clock at noon, Mr. Winyard, one of the watermen belonging to the Admiralty, going down the river in a small vessell with his son, were both killed by lightning, over against Horsly-down. Upon examination, their bodies appeared as yellow as Saffron, and one of them, viz. the father, had his left breast swelled to a great degree, and a sett of metal buttons on his coat were melted; the lad seemed to be excessively scorched about the mouth.

20 And from Sulgrave in Northamptonshire we have an account that on the same Wednesday, as Thomas Taylor, a lad about 14 years of age, was making hay, a sudden flash of lightning struck him dead on the spot, and a man & woman at a very small distance from him were both beat to the ground at the same time, but received no hurt, altho' the lining of the woman's hat was burnt to ashes. The Boy that was killed had all the hair that was on his head burnt off, one side of his face scorched as black as a coal, and a hole about 4 inches long burnt thro' the crown of his hat, the buttons of the waistband of his breeches being pewter were melted, and his whole body was covered with purple like spots.

30 Likewise the same day, four sheep and a lamb were also killed by lightning in Lamport grounds in that county.

July 5 (Thur.). One Handel, a forreigner (who, they say, was born at Hanover) being desired to come to Oxford, to perform in Musick this Act, in which he hath great skill, is come down, the Vice-Chancellour (Dr. Holmes) having requested him to do so, and as an encouragement, to allow him the Benefit of the Theater both before the Act begins and after it. Accordingly he hath published Papers for a performance today at 5s. a Ticket. This performance began a little after 5 clock in the evening. This is an innovation. The Players might be as well per-
40 mitted to come and act. The Vice-Chancellour is much blamed for it. In this, however, he is to be commended for reviving our Acts, which ought to be annual, which might easily be brought about, provided the Statutes were strictly followed, and all such innovations (which exhaust Gentlemen's pockets and are incentives to Lewdness) were hindered.

Yesterday died the Rev. Dr. Thomas Burton, Canon of Christ Church. He took the degree of M.A. as a member of Christ Church Ap. 8, 1679, that of B.D. May 15, 1686, and that of D.D. July 8, 1690. He was instituted canon of Christ Church in the second stall (void by the resigna-

tion of Dr. William Wake, now archbishop of Canterbury) on Dec. 30, 1702. He hath left a widow and children. He was an honest quiet man.

Mr. Rawlins of Pophills called upon me this morning & left with me (1) Copy of a letter of Mr. Camden to Archbishop Usher dated at Chisleherst in Kent, 10 July, 1618. Mr. Wood copied or transcribed it from the original, in the hands of James Tyrel, son of Sir Tim. who married the daughter & heir of Archbishop Usher; (2) A letter of Mr. John Pococke of Minall about Dr. Pococke's life. Dr. Pococke was his grandfather. He hath got Mr. Smith's unfinished life of Dr. Pococke, 10 & he hath other papers relating thereto. He hath endeavoured to get several persons to compleat it, but hitherto without success; (3) A little 8^{vo} MS. of Mr. Wood's own hand, being a catalogue of our English or British historians, collected (I think) by him chiefly from Pitseus. There is nothing in it about the Chronicle of Dunstable; (4) an original letter of Sir William Cecil, prime minister of state to Q. Elizabeth, dated Oct. 10, 1562; (5) another original letter to Mr. Randolph by the said Sir William, dated Dec. 26, 1562; (6) Plan of the Duke of Monmouth's march at Sedgmore by John Prujean, sent by him to Mr. Charlett (afterwards Dr. Charlett) in 1685. Charlett then in London in Blomesbury 20 near Sir Roger Lestranger's; (7) Browne Willis's letter to Dr. Charlett from Whaddon, Jan. 29, 1713 $\frac{3}{4}$, containing his (Mr. Willis's) list of the abbats of Glastonbury, with emendations, as he had them from Dr. Tanner. NB. All these emendations are in Leland's Coll. that I printed, viz. in vol. vi.

July 6 (Fri.). The Players being denied coming to Oxford by the Vice-Chancellour and that very rightly, tho' they might as well have been here as Handel and (his lowsy Crew) a great number of forreign fidlers, they went to Abbingdon, and yesterday began to act there, at which were present many Gownsmen from Oxford. 32

This being the Encoenia of the Theater of Oxford, Speeches, Declamations and Verses were spoke in the Theater, but I hear of nothing extraordinary in the performance. 'Tis remarkable that the Speakers all or most spoke what was none of their own but done by others, and that too generally done by persons not now of any College, but by some that live in the country. This is what I heard as a reproach upon our Colleges. This I know, that one Woodson (a petty Schoolmaster in the Country) made some of those for Magd. College.

Many years ago was printed with wooden cutts Brant's Ship of Fools, translated into English by Alex. Barclay. A Supplement should be put 40 to it, containing an account of all those that encouraged Handel & his company last night at our Theater, and that intend to encourage him when our Act is over. The Vice-Chancellour is very right to have an Act, but then it should have been done in statutable way, so as to begin today (the Encoenia being now reckoned part of the Act) being Friday & to end next Tuesday morning.

July 6, 1733. M^{rs}. Elizabeth Foulkes to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 287) [*see* Diary, July 25].

To ask Mr. Baker, whether he can tell, when Dr. Edw. Browne died; son of the famous Sir Thomas Browne. He was originally of Cambridge, tho' he afterwards took the degree of M.D. as a member of Merton College Oxon.

July 7 (Sat.). Yesterday in a Convocation at 9 Clock in the morning my Lord Sidney Beauclier was created Dr. of Civil Law.

This being the Oxford Vespers, lectures were read in the forenoon and disputations were had in the afternoon.

I hear that some of the verses yesterday in the theater were good, 10 particularly those of New College, which I was told last night were best of all.

Last night Dr. Burton was buried at Christ Church. He died of a Palsy, which he had many years.

July 8 (Sun.). The Professor of Musick (who is Mr. Richard Goodson) is on the Vespers, by virtue of the Statute, to read an English Lecture between 9 and 10 Clock in the morning in the Musick School, with a Consort of Musick also. But yesterday morning there was nothing done of that, only a little after six clock or about 7 was a sham consort by Goodson in the Theater, at which some Ladies were present, 20 but not a soul was pleased, there being nothing of a Lecture; but this I suppose must go instead of both a Musick Lecture and a Musick Speech. But formerly besides the Musick Lecture by the Professor, between 9 and 10 Clock, there used upon Act Monday morning pretty soon (about 8 Clock) to be an English Musick speech by a distinct person from the Professor, for the entertainment of the Ladies, in which were many jocular & satirical passages, though in 1703 (the year I went out Master) there was nothing of a musick speech, but in 1693 was a very smart biting one. The said 1703 (when I went out) was otherwise a very compleat Act, there being two Terrae-filii, viz. one White-of 30 Magd. Coll. and one Roberts of Magd. Hall; but for some reason or other White desisting, when the time came, both Speeches were spoke by Roberts, viz. his own on the Vespers on Act Saturday, and White's on Act Monday, & both were witty & pleasant, and caused much diversion, particularly for the bold truths couched in them.

But yesterday in the afternoon the Philosophical Disputations were just as 'twere nothing. The Philosophical Exercise is by Statute then to be from one till five. Three Philosophical Questions are to be disputed on. The Actors or Disputants are the Senior Proctor, the Pro-Proctor (distinct from the common Pro-Proctors), the Terrae-filius, and the Junior 40 Proctor, which four are to be opponents, and one of the Inceptor Masters, who is to be respondent. The Senior Proctor is to dispute first upon all the three Questions, then the Pro-Proctor and Terrae-filius are to dispute upon the second, and the Junior Proctor upon the 3rd. These Actors are to be thus nominated. The Senior Proctor is to nominate the Respondent (formerly called the Junior of the Act) and the Pro-Proctor, and the Junior Proctor is to name the Terrae-filius. The Terrae-filius used formerly to make an ingenious witty satirical speech, most of it in English, in which he exposed (and that was indeed the original design of such speeches) vice and immorality, and discovered the flagrant crimes

of many loose Academicians, particularly the abominable Acts of some Heads of Houses; but nothing of this yesterday; all were deceived, and instead of the seats being filled as formerly with Academicians, they were crowded with Country Mob, and nothing was done either statutablely or regularly. Indeed there was hardly any thing done all day long in a decent manner, but all was disorder and confusion.

Half an hour after 5 Clock yesterday in the afternoon was another Performance, at 5s. a ticket, in the Theater by Mr. Handel for his own benefit, continuing till about 8 clock. NB. his book (not worth 1d.) he sells for 1s.

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This being Act Sunday, the sermon was preached at St. Marie's in the morning by Dr. Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., & in the afternoon by Dr. Secker of Exeter Coll., both Inceptors, the Ladies both morning & afternoon sitting, as usual in Act time, in the Gentlemen's Galleries.

Yesterday Mr. Rawlins of Pophills lent me (and I perused immediately) Dr. Thomas Barlow's MS. de Historicis Britannicis. The Dr. himself hath written at the beginning of it, *MS. meum de Historicis Britannicis*. 'Tis written by way of Letter (I know not to whom) perhaps to one of his Pupills. It is subscribed:—'God Almighty bless you and, Sir, your affectionate friend and servant, Thomas Barlow. Queen's Coll., Oxon, 20 Oct. 30, 1656.' There is no mention in it of Chronicon de Dunstaple. It is but indifferent for the most part. He notes from Baleus that the author of the book called Dr. & Student was Christophorus de sancto Germano, a Lawyer of a noble family & of the Inner Temple in Hen. VIII time, who died Sept. 28, 1539. He speaks poorly of honest John Stowe, whom I much more value than Dr. Barlowe, and many more such as Barlowe. Stowe tho' a Taylor, is the very best of our Historians in English, and he was much esteemed by Mr. Camden, a man far superior in judgment to Barlowe. *Thus much (saith Barlowe) for the Latine Historians of this Period; for the English they are very many, of which 30 I believe John Speed the best, and Stow, and How, and such other cattle are of little credit with me.* He speaks extravagantly in commendation of Selden's Titles of Honour, and concludes it thus:—*In short 'tis the best booke that ever Selden writ, having a noble subject, capable of all his witt and learning, in which he hath been industriously prodigall in the prosecution of that Argument. I (once more) beg your pardon for this tedious extravagance; I doe love & value that booke, as haveing really found much benefit by it, and therefore take the confidence to commend it to my friends, especially Mr. Compton, and your selfe, who I would not have ignorant of any of those titles of Honor, which I know at present you doe and (I hope) hereafter will 40 better deserve.*

At the same time he lent me, and I have perused, Mr. Lewis Maydwell's Proposals, which have been printed, for an Academy, with Dr. Wallis's Animadversions, never printed, upon them; Dr. Wallis's name not to them. 'Tis only a Transcript & faulty. Mr. Rawlins would have me print them, but that I decline.

July 9 (Mon.). From Mr. Loveday, July 8:—Northampton, St. Sepulchre's church is very remarkable for it's architecture. Enttring at the Westend thro' the Tower, you get into a space, which is well nigh

circular, but not entirely so where it joins to the chancel. Within this space is an octogon with pillars round it. Here stand the Pulpit &c.; the Congregation fill the octogon & surrounding Circle. From this, westward,¹ the building runs on church-like, the chancel having 2 side-islles. On the outside, the uncommon part of the building, as the octogon is much higher than the circle, looks much like the Block-houses or Castles on the Coast of Kent.

This being Act Monday, after ringing the little Bell at nine Clock, the Inceptors met at St. Marie's, the Beadles of each Faculty conducting
 10 them, where being together in the East Chapell, the Vicar of St. Marie's read Prayers to them; which being ended, first the Vice-Chancellour, then all the Inceptors, and lastly the Proctors, the Beadles going before them, made their offerings at the Communion Table.

July 10 (Tu.). Yesterday in the afternoon Disputations were held in the Theater, & the Inceptors in each Faculty were made, but there was no Inceptor in Musick. The Disputants in Philosophy at this time by the Statutes are (1) The Respondent, who is the Magister Replicans (i. e. the Respondent of the former year) or another (if there be no Magister Replicans) substituted by the Proctor; (2) The several
 20 opponents, namely first, the first opponent (who is one of the Inceptors) and the Senior Proctor, secondly the Terrae-filius & Pro-proctor, thirdly the Junior Proctor.

In this case the Senior Proctor nominates the Terrae-filius, and the Junior Proctor the first opponent, heretofore called the senior Inceptor.

The Terrae-filius used on the said occasion to make a sarcastical witty speech, most of it in English against immorality, & vicious lewd idle wicked persons, but no such speech was now. So that this whole Act was nothing but a mock or sham Act & indeed those that have contrived to hinder the customary statutable Proceedings are forsworn, all persons,
 30 at their taking Master of Arts Degrees regularly, swearing to observe the Statutes, Privileges, Customs & Liberties of the University. It hath been a very ancient Custom, and a very laudable one, for both the Terrae-filii, viz. one on Act Saturday, the other on Act Monday, to make speeches, and therefore such as have hindered it are forsworn, & it may be very proper to call this year's Act a sham Act, as that was really no
 40 other, which was held in 1713, when Dr. Gardner the then Vice-Chancellor & some others also contrived to hinder there being any Terrae-filii. The Terrae-filii & those that perform in the Philosophical Disputations are called *Actores*, & 'tis called an Act from them. But
 without Actors, there can be no Act; & if there be Actors, yet if they do not Act, 'tis certainly likewise no Act.

July 10, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 48) [see Diary, July 23, 24].
 'I have taken care not to trouble you with visits this Act. My answer was, you would probably be lockt up, to avoid the crowd, as I have been pretty much, where the crowd was less.'

¹ He must mean *eastward*.—Ed.

The Disputations in the other Faculties in the Theater, & the other Exercise thereto belonging, were all very mean, not equal to what was done in old time.

The Exercise & creations being over, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Holmes, made a speech, which I hear was handsome enough. By the Statutes the speech is to commemorate the Transactions of the University the former year, especially the Benefactions made to the University, and other things done for the Honour of the University. Upon which occasion formerly particular notice used to be taken of the learned books printed by the University, but the University prints nothing of Learning, ¹⁰ indeed nothing at all hardly but a sheet Almanack, about which those that contrive it are a whole year, & yet 'tis always scandalously faulty nowadays, & therefore the Vice-Chancellor could say nothing on that head, & as little almost had he to say on other heads, so that altho' it was a handsome speech, yet it may justly be stiled *Vox & praelerea nihil*.

The Vice-Chancellor having ended his speech & so put an end to this sham Act, the great Bell at St. Marie's immediately rang, & the Vice-Chancellor & Regents of the former year forth-with held a Congregation in the Convocation House to dispense with the Inceptors ²⁰ wearing their Boots and shoes & slops¹ (what they all wear during the Act) any longer, which otherwise they ought to wear for the whole year.

July 11 (Wed.). Yesterday morning, after the Conclusion the night before of the Sham Act (for so 'tis called) was a Latin Sermon, as the Statute directs, at St. Marie's by Mr. Hutchins of Lincoln College. After which there was a Congregation, when the Cambridge Gentlemen were incorporated. That done, the Cambridge Gentlemen were treated by the care of Mr. Eden in the publick Refectory of Univ. College. This Eden is the Senior Proctor. He had ³⁰ 30 lib. of the University Money in order to this treat.

In the evening half hour after five a Clock, Handel & his Company performed again at the Theater, being the 3rd time, at five shillings a Ticket.

July 11, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 83). 'Can you, or can you not, tell who was the Editor of the *Miscellanies on several curious Subjects*? It hath been insinuated that you was the Editor yourself, and I am referred to Mr. Mattaire's Marmora for satisfaction. Mr. Samuel Parker was very intimate with Dr. Heywood, and so are the family, and they seem to admire him. Mr. Samuel Parker will, I suppose, (at least it hath been said that he will) be represented as a great Champion, & unanswerable with respect to what he had to say about the Schism. Some stile him *the great*, others the *very great*, and others *the immortal Mr. Parker*. . . . Mr. Charles Gardiner, Fellow of C.C.C., took the Degree of B.D. in 1715, tho' not in Orders, and the present Rector of Exeter Coll., however not in Orders, lately took the degree of D.D. If College Statutes permitt it, our University Statutes must then (it seems) give place.'

¹ Viz. the Doctors in Divinity wear Boots & the Masters shoes and slops. Note by Hearne.

The Weather having been for some time very dry & excessive hot, much mischief hath been done (besides what hath been before mentioned) in many places by lightning.

Mr. Humphrey Smith brought Dr. Pocock's Life to the Restauration. I saw it in his own hand (fairly written) on Monday last. Mr. Pocock shewed it me, Mr. Rawlins being present. Mr. Pocock is grandson of the Doctor, and is a proper person to finish it. Mr. Rawlins hath a great many papers, which he will communicate for that end. Mr. Rawlins would fain have me do it, and so would Mr. Pocock, at least that when
10 done I would revise it. I have neither leisure nor inclination, and desired to be altogether excused from having any manner of hand in it.

July 12 (Thur.). Yesterday morning from 9 clock in the morning till eleven, Handel & his Company performed their Musick in Christ Church Hall, at 3s. a ticket.

In the afternoon the same day was a Convocation in the Theater, in which honorary Degrees were conferred, and Father Courayer spoke a speech, but no body could hear him, to renew his Thanks to the University, for the Degree of Dr. in Div. they had some few years since conferred on him, for his Book in defence of the Consecrations of our
10 Bishops, and the Vice-Chancellour spoke another speech (which I hear was handsome) in return to it, having for that end had Courayer's speech two or three days in his hands.

In the evening of the same day, at half hour after 5, Handel & his Crew performed again in the Theater at 5s. per Ticket. This was the fourth time of his performing there.

Also in the evening that day the Cambridge Gentlemen met at the Kings Head Tavern in Oxford, having printed and dispersed tickets to give notice to one another thereof.

Yesterday Mr. Loveday of Magd. College went about 10 Clock from
30 Oxford for Ireland. Mr. James West being at Oxford this Act, went this day in the afternoon for York, designing to lye tonight at Banbury.

July 13 (Fri.). Last night, being the 12th, Handel and his Company performed again in the Theater, being the 5th time of his performing there, at 5s. per Ticket, Mr. Walter Powel (the Superior Beadle of Divinity) singing, as he hath done all along with them.

In the Northampton Mercury of Mon. July 9 is this passage :—

London, July 7, 1733. The London Evening Post tells us from Oxford, that they have once more (as formerly in 1713) laid aside the post of *Terrae Filius*, which tho' at first designed, and long after justly pursued, for the Reformation
40 of Manners amongst the Academics, and for the most severe method of lashing vices, yet in Process of Time it was so degenerated, and it's excellent use so notoriously perverted, that it was become a Satyr on Particulars, and was the Conduit to convey private Spleen, Malice, and Scandal, however unjustly founded, to the World, and rendered thereby the Office ridiculous, as well as the University itself that encouraged it.

July 14 (Sat.). The reason given us in the said Passage for laying aside the office of *Terrae Filius*, is very frivolous. There is a particular Statute *de contumeliis compescendis* which ought to be put in execution, if

any one be injured. Besides, the person ought to speak before Judgment be given against him. If abuses (provided there have been any such, as they have not shewed any) be a just ground for setting aside the office, it will be as valid for laying aside altogether the Vice-Chancellor's Court, and for taking away many of our privileges and benefactions, which have most certainly been strangely abused.

Among others, that had honorary degrees of Dr. in LL. on Wednesday last, being July 11th, Lord Noel, brother of the Duke of Beaufort, had one offered him, but he declined it. This Lord Noel was originally of Univ. College, but after Dr. Cockman was confirmed Master of that College, he removed to Brasenose, & 'tis there he now lodges when he comes to Oxford, he being great with Dr. Robert Shippen.

July 15 (Sun.). Last night the Rev. Mr. John Prescott (formerly Student of Christ Church) of Chester told me of an imperfect Votive Altar, he had found in the side of a wall at Chester, with this inscription

NVMINI ALMAE CE

NVS ACT.

EX VOTO FACI

It is a general observation that our late Act at Oxford was nothing, as it were, but noise, hurry and confusion. Acts have been discontinued so long, that few are living in Oxford, that know the old method of proceeding. The Exercise is said to have been at this time for the most part very poor and mean. Dr. Potter, Bishop of Oxford, made a very creeping Lecture, hardly any thing like a Lecture, being poor matter & poor language, as indeed he never was an Orator, either in Latin or English. Some of the disputants were so bad, that they were puzzled to make, nay even to repeat a syllogisme. The concourse of people was prodigious at this time, tho' not many of the best Quality, who however went away discontented, because there was no *Terrae filius's* Speech, nor a Musick Speech, and because the disorder was so great. 30

It seems Mr. Cockman did not at all answer the Expectation conceived of him in his Act Sermon last Sunday morning, July 8, but Secker's sermon is much commended, as much preferable to Cockman's. This Secker was educated in the Presbyterian way, but is changed.

July 16 (Mon.). William Thomas (who was Clerk of the Council to K. Edw. VI) was a man of a very violent hot spirit, but a bitter enemy to Q. Mary & wrote, among other things, *Le Peregryne*, but 'tis not (that I know of) printed. I have often inspected it many years ago in Bodley, and I find by Mr. Wood in *Ath. Oxon.* Vol. I col. 74, ed. 1 that 'twas about to be translated into Latin with a design to be remitted into the 3rd Tome of *Fasciculus*, collected by Edw. Brown of Christ's College in Cambridge. Quaere what became of the said 3rd Tome (for I know of but two Tomes printed), & when 'twas that Brown died. This Brown was (it seems) much acquainted with Archbishop Sancroft & Mr. Wharton. He was apprehensive his work (the two first Tomes) would be put into the *Indices Expurgatorii*, & by that means be rendered scarce, but I do not find, that it was ever done. I am sure his work is very common. He appears to me to have been a learned man, but vehement & furious. 40

July 17 (Tu.). Mr. Powney of Maidenhead told me yesterday, at the Warden of All Souls Lodgings, that he hath got all the coins that belonged to my late friend Mr. Francis Cherry. He said the number was large, & that among them is the coin of Amyntas, that I printed in Leland's Itinerary. He said he paid for them what they were prized at. A great many of them were found at Old Verulam. Many were also found in Weycock, in the parish of Laurence Waltham near Ockingham in Berks. Mr. Cherry talked several times of shewing me his coins, when I used to goe over from Oxford, but something or other still hindered him
 10 from shewing them. The said Mr. Powney was some few years since Gentleman Commoner of Queen's College Oxford, as a member of which he was created M.A., Mar. 15, 1720. His Christian name is Penyston.

Dr. Samuel Jebb hath just published in folio Roger Bacon's *Opus Majus*. This book was never printed before. He hath prefixed a preface to Dr. Mead.

July 18 (Wed.). The Prints speak of our late Act at Oxford after the following manner. They observe 'that our Public Act began on Friday July 6 with great solemnity. About one o'clock the Rev. Dr. Holmes, President of St. John's College, Vice-Chancellor, together with the several
 20 other members of the University in their proper Habits, and a vast concourse of Persons of Distinction of both sexes, repaired to the Theatre, to hear the speeches which were made there by way of Compliment to the King, Queen, Royal Family, and Prince of Orange; also verses on several subjects spoken by young noblemen; and a Dialogue between two scholars, in the Characters of Bellus Homo and Academicus: [which Dialogue was made by Mr. Woodson,¹ a schoolmaster in the country, and lately Usher to Mr. Hiley, Schoolmaster at Reading, & spoke by Mr. Baker (now called Bellus Homo) and Mr. Langton, Gentlemen Commoners of Magd. Coll. & lately schoolboys to Mr. Hiley while Woodson
 30 was Usher]. The evening concluded with Mr. Handel's Oratorio called *Esther*. On Saturday July 7, after seven in the morning, there was a piece of musick² performed in the Musick School, and about nine the Lectures in the several other sciences; in the afternoon there were disputations in the [Divinity School, Physick School, Law School and] Theatre, and afterwards an Oratorio. The next day, being Sunday July 8th, Mr. Handel's *Te Deum* and Anthems were performed in St. Mary's Church before a numerous Assembly; and the day after, being Monday, the Exercises in the Theatre were renewed, and a new Oratorio performed called *Athalia*. [This is false, for 'twas not performed
 40 till next evening, being Tuesday]. The University has been pleased to confer the Degree of Doctor of Laws, on the Right. Hon. the Lord Sidney Beauclerk, but Mr. Handel has not accepted his Degree of Doctor of Musick, as was reported, that Gentleman having declined the Honour, when tendered him at Cambridge. There was a very great Appearance of Ladies at all the publick Entertainments, and the Town very full

¹ So it was reported, but it seems some one else made it. Additional note by Hearne.

² But 'twas a very poor one, & there was no Musick Speech as used formerly to be, tho' none hath been since 1693.—Note by Hearne.

of Company.' This is the Substance of the Prints of Monday July 16, as the Publishers received their Account from Oxford.

July 19 (Thur.). The Prints also, dated from London the 12th inst., say farther, that they write from Oxford, that on Monday, July 9th, the Theatre was again crowded with Nobility, Gentry &c. of both sexes, to hear the Disputations continued when seven¹ doctors in Divinity, eight² of Physick, several³ of the Civil Law, and eighty-four Masters of Arts were created with the usual Ceremony; and Dr. Holmes, the Vice-Chancellor, made an elegant Oration in Latin in Praise of Learning, the Honours of it, and the Methods used in that University for attaining them; 10 and the next night (being Tuesday) another *Oratorio* of Mr. Handel's, called *Athalia*, was performed in the Theatre, where 3700 Persons were present; and the same day⁴ being Tuesday, July 10, the new Doctors went in the morning to St. Mary's Church to pay their offerings, as usual, when an eloquent Latin Sermon was preached, suitable to the Occasion. A Gentleman having been long since appointed, and appearing likewise in the Theatre, in the Character of *Terrae Filius*, a speech from him was to the last expected, but none suffered.

And moreover from London of the 14th being Saturday 'tis noted that 'twas computed, that Mr. Handel cleared by his Musick at Oxford upwards 20 of 2000l.

July 20 (Fri.). Bp. Tanner hath found a note of the verses, which were printed before that Copy of the first Edition of the first Volume of the Monasticon, which was Sir Jonathan Trelawny's, which he saw at Chelsea 1721, and yesterday he sent me the names, but Sampson Erdschwicks is not among them, tho' I formerly understood that it was. They are:—Fred. Primrosius, M. D. Cantuar.; Edvardus Browne, scholarcha Cantuar.; Iohannes Boys de Hoth Anglo-Cantianus; Ric. Fogge de Danecourt in agro Cantiano, arm.; Ioshua Childrey.

July 21 (Sat.). Mr. West, when he was lately in Oxford, told me he 30 had his Copy of the Inscription on the Whip handle, found at St. Alban's, from Mr. Robert New of the Middle Temple. Since which on the 5th inst. Mr. George Ballard, of Campden in Gloucestershire, sent me a better Copy:—HEC EST DONATIO GISLEBERTI DE NOVO CASTELLO DE IIII EQVAB' BENE AMBVLANTIB' QVAS SINGVLIS ANNIS DARE DEBET VNDE MONACHI PALEFRIDOS HABET (*sic*).

Last night about six Clock died Sir Sebastian Smith, of Cairfax in Oxford, in the 91st year of his age. He was a Knight. He was a most covetous Miser. He died vastly rich. He died in his House at Cairfax. 40

July 19, 1733. Bp. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 225) [*see* Diary, July 20].

¹ It should be *nine*. Hearne.

² It should be *six*. Hearne.

³ *Two* only. Hearne.

⁴ This wrong; for 'twas on Monday morning the offerings were made agreeable to the Statute. Hearne.

July 22 (Sun.). An inscription on a very large Urn, which was found in the Ruins of Verulam by Mr^s. Carter of St. Alban's, and is now in the possession of Mr. Thomas Kettle of the same place. The dimensions are one foot eight inches high, four foot seven inches diameter. The inscription near the mouth. The draught as follows. [Then a drawing of the urn.] The Signification of the inscription I take to be *Marcus Ulpius Marci Filius*. Mr. George Ballard sent me the account of the said urn at the same time, viz. July 5, 1733.

Bp. Tanner told me yesterday that Dr. Edward Browne the Physician
10 (who was son of Sir Thomas Browne) was crazed in the latter part of his life, occasioned by disappointments, he having not much business.

He told me that the son of Edward Browne,¹ who put out *Fasciculus*, is now Minister of Wicombe. He said the former, viz. Dr. Edw. Browne, the physician, was living after 1700. Quære when both these Edw. Browns died. The Bp. said he had seen part of this Edw. Browne's translation of William Thomas's *Le Peregrine*. Probably his son of Wicomb hath it & also what else his father had for the 3rd Tome of *Fasciculus*. The son loves ancient Coins.

Bp. Tanner is a great admirer of Bp. Burnett and commends him for
20 many things. He told me yesterday that the 2nd Volume of the History of his own Times (which is most certainly a Libel) is about to be published.

Sir Sebastian Smith left one son and two daughters. The son was formerly of Christ Church, as a member of which he took the degree of M.A., Mar. 11, 1702. One of the daughters is widow of the late Dr. Bernard Gardiner, Warden of All Souls, by whom he had a daughter, who is a pert young woman, as proud as her Father was. Sir Sebastian was ninety one years old and an half, being born in 1642, as I have been told. Sir Sebastian purchased his Knighthood.

30 This day being Magd. Coll. great Gaudy, there was ringing in the afternoon at six Clock, tho' there had not been the least ringing on that day last year, when many of the College were in a strange consternation on account of Bustlem, who is since dead.

July 23 (Mon.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge hath sent me by Letter July 10, 1733, Carta regis Iohannis de libertatibus et privilegiis villae Oxonie, dat' apud Westm', 12^o Junii, anno regni primo. Mr. Baker copied it from some Miscellaneous Collections of Master Rob. Hare, MS. Caio-Gonv. Cant.; but Hare transcribed it Ex Registro Monasterii de Oseney, fol. 39. He will also send me Hen. III's charter to the same
40 purpose. [He hath since sent it in a Letter of July 29. I have printed both at the end of the Ann. of Dunstaple.]

July 24 (Tu.). Mr. Baker hath heard nothing as yet of Bp. Chappel's

July 24, 1733. H. to Mr^s. Eliz. Foulkes (Rawl. 27 C. 289). Thanks for her letter of July 6. Would like the date of the death of Dr. Foulkes.

July 24, 1733. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 121) [see Diary,

¹ The Edward Browne who issued *Fasciculus* was no relation of Edward Browne, son of Sir Thomas Browne; see Aug. 15.—Ed.

Epitaph, and thinks it strange, that Dr. Thoroton should not have met with it, if it were upon his monument. I sent it yesterday to Mr. Baker from Edm. Borlase's book.

My friend Mr. Brome's son is of Trin. Coll. Cambr. elected from Westminster. His father has helped Mr. Baker to a correspondent at Rome, whose letter Mr. Baker hath answered. He hopes he shall hear no more from him, for it is very troublesome to Mr. Baker (& indeed to them) to consult MSS. at Benet College. 'Tis for that reason that Library at Bennett College is perfectly useless to me.

The Duke of Buckingham hath left Queen's College, having never lain so much in it, and his goods were conveyed away for London this morning. 'Tis but a little while ago since he was entered. He did not like them, as 'tis given out.

Meeting Dr. Cockman, Master of Univ. Coll., this afternoon in the street, he told me he would do what lay in his power, to have an Oxford Act every year, which he said upon my saying, we ought by our statutes to have one every year; and when I said an imperfect one is better than none, he said he would also do whatever he could, that hereafter it should be better than what we had this last Act Term.

July 25 (Wed.). I have had a letter from Mrs. Eliz. Foulkes, dated 20 at Maesyrglwyden, near Oswaldstry in Shropshire July 6, 1733. She is the widow of Dr. William Foulkes, who was Governour to Sir Thomas Sebright. She had been told, I enquired after the Dr.'s MSS. Papers about Dunstaple. She says, she knows not what Papers he might have had relating to that matter. His Books were disposed of long since, and she says no such Papers were among them, and if there were any such among his private Letters or papers, they have been overlooked, and it may be burnt, as many of his private Letters and some papers were. She wishes she had known some years agoe, that I had been in quest of such papers; she would have then made a thorough search among the 30 Doctor's Papers, and if any thing had been found, it should (she says) have been very much at my service.

This being St. James's day, Mr. William Dodwell of Trin. Coll., son of the late learned Mr. Henry Dodwell, preached at St. Marie's before the University.

Sir Sebastian Smith was carried in a herse from Oxford to-day, between 12 and one Clock in the afternoon, and buried at Cuddesdon.

July 26 (Thur.). Mr. Ballard on the 7th inst. at the same time he sent me the St. Alban's inscriptions, sent me Mr. Graves's Epitaph (made by Mr. West) in Campden Church. Mr. Ballard took it from 40

July 20, Sept. 11]. 'I hope you have received safe the box directed for the Rev. Mr. Pococke. I shall expect to hear from him that he is gone about digesting the papers contained therein. . . . When I was at the Printing House, I saw in a Lower Room a specimen of the Prints of the publick Buildings in and about Oxford. If I forgett not there are 17 Copper Plates engraven, tending to that affair, I should be glad to know what a set of them will cost' [see Diary, Aug. 25].

July 25, 1733. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 142) [see Diary, July 29].

a Copy, having never seen it himself, & observed the points, but whether the fault were in the Cutter or Transcriber, he cannot say.

[Then follows the epitaph.]

July 27 (Fri.). Yesterday one Mr. Jackson was elected Fellow of Magd. Coll. This is one of those blaspheming atheistical gentlemen of that College, that were guilty some time since of most abominable irreligious practices, but he and some others were connived at.

July 28 (Sat.). Sir Sebastian Smith was in the Theatre, and had a good place there at the late Act. Sir Sebastian was 27 years of age, 10 when he married. 'Twas seven years before he had a child, his first child being his Heir, the present Mr. Sebastian Smith, who was born at Michaelmas in 1677. [See Vol. 136, p. 75, tho' I have heard it said, that he was born July 20, the day on which his father Sir Sebastian Smith died].

July 29 (Sun.). Beaupré Bell junior Esq. wants a print from the rare coin of Flavia Titiana, the wife of Pertinax, he means of her head only. There is a coin in brass of the 2nd magnitude of her in Bodley, among Consul Ray's medals. I have published it exactly in Leland's Coll. Vol. vi p. 310. Mr. Burghers, who did these things beyond others, engraved it for me. Mr. Bell would have a correct, well understood outline without hatching or background of the dimensions, & refers to an engraver, that he is told is a good artist, that graves for Mr. Wise of Trinity.

To tell Mr. Bell that I am unacquainted both with Wise and his engraver, that I have no access to Bodley, & that I cannot help him to any better draught than that in Leland.

Mr. Bell says 'tis published also in Haym Tessoro Britannico Vol. I p. 259, a book I never saw.

Remember to tell Mr. Bell that the place of the coin is Loc. 5. 17.

July 30 (Mon.). Yesterday I received a paper, lent me by Mr. Rawlins of Pophills. 'Tis written by Bp. Barlow & relates to the passage in 30 Vegetius concerning the word *pictae*, a small sea vessel, which we commonly call a *Pink*. Mr. Rawlins had by mistake signified that it gave an account why the Britains were called Picts. A copy follows.

[Then follows the note.]

July 31 (Tu.). I have formerly seen and perused the said MSS. in Bodley, when I used frequently to consult (as I do still often read) Vegetius. Vegetius wrote this work to Valentinian the IInd. Barthius thought that what is now remaining is an Epitome only, but he is, without doubt, mistaken, as may be learned also from Fabricius's *Bibliotheca Latina*.

40 **Aug. 1 (Wed.).** Sir Sebastian Smith was son of Sebastian Smith D.D. and Canon of the second stall of Christ Church, in which he was admitted June 22, 1622, and died in 1674.

July 27, 1733. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 15. 99). Sends the account of Little Gidding; also notes about Higham Ferrers church.

July 28, 1733. John Loveday to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 384) [see Diary, Aug. 9, 24].

Mr. Baker hath sent (by a friend) to enquire at Bilthorp for Bp. Chappel's Epitaph and Monument. If there be such a monument, possibly it might be set up, after the King's return, when Episcopacy was restored, and might be safely owned.

Aug. 2 (Thur.). Last night I received some papers relating to the Ferrars (viz. their way of living) of Little Gidding in Huntingdonshire, from Mr. John Jones, curatè of Abbats Ripton in that county, which he lends. He sends them for me to print, which however I do not design to do.

The Prints of Mond. July 30 tell us that, a few days before, the Right ¹⁰ Hon. the Lord Teynham was marryed to Miss Powell, sister to the Lady of Sir Francis Curzon Bart., an agreeable young Lady of great Merit and Fortune. NB She is the youngest of the two daughters (Sir Francis Curzon's Lady being the elder) of my late friend Mr. Powel of Sandford near Oxford. Her name Katharine. Quaere.

Thomas Palmer, of Fairfield in Somersetshire Esq., hath great collections in manuscripts, but I think he hath not got above 5 miles round Glastonbury, & hath been weary several years, & hath locked them up, so that we must not look for any thing from him.

Aug. 3 (Fri.). Oxford was a Mint Town in the time of William ²⁰ Rufus. I have a silver penny of that king found in some ruins, as they were digging at Paradise Garden, near the Castle of Oxford. I purchased it on Monday July 30, 1733. On the Obverse side of it PILLELM REX. The King's half face and scepter, and the Diadem of Pearls within the Helm. Rev.: NIIRGOD ON OXON, a Cross between four flowers (they are flowers de Lis).¹

Till the time of Edward I the English Pennies were to weigh a Pennyweight, equal to 24 of our present Grains; so that a Pound of Silver was a Pound both in Weight and in Tale, as is observed by Mr. Thoresby in his Ducatus Leodiensis, p. 349, from Archbishop Sharp's MS. of the ³⁰ Coins of England.

The coins of William Conq. & William Rufus are very rare, but those of Rufus are much the scarcest.

Four of these pennies would buy a ram or sheep, or provision for twenty horses; and a shilling would purchase a pasture fed ox, or as much bread as would serve an hundred men (one meal); see Bp. Fleetwood's Chron. Pret. p. 69, and Mr. Thoresby p. 352.

About 250 of such coins were found some years since in a small oak box at York, most of which were of William Conqueror, the rest of William Rufus, half a score of which were given to Mr. Thoresby, ⁴⁰ who speaks of them pag. 394.

Remember to ask Mr. Baker whether Cambridge was ever a Mint Town.

Aug. 3, 1733. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 175) [see Diary, Aug. 29, Sept. 4, 5].

¹ This is an addition to the known silver pennies of Oxford (see *Oxford Silver Pennies*, p. 68, O. H. S.). Niirgod is probably an error for Hargod, a moneyer under Will. I (ib. p. 64).—Ed.

Aug. 4 (Sat.). The two Edward Brownes were of the University of Cambridge, Edward Browne the Physician (son of the famous Sir Thomas Browne) M.Bac. of Trinity College an. 1663. *Fasciculus Edward* says of himself [Pref. p. 32] that he was born at Rochester, Fellow Collegian to John Moore, afterwards Bp. of Ely [pag. 27], and so it appears from the Register:—Edv. Browne, Ioh. Moore Aul. Clar. Bac. ann. 1665–6; Art. mag. Aul. Clare, Ioh. Moore, Edw. Browne &c., and were doubtless intimate friends being chaplains to the same Family, the Bp. to Chancellor Finch, & our author Edv. Browne 'in familia viri clarissimi D. Joh.
 10 Finch, oratoris regii' Vol. I, p. 478. Where and when he died Mr. Baker hath not found, probably in his own parish *Sundrigiae*. We have no great reason to deplore the loss or want of the third Volume, unless it might have fallen into better conduct & management. The first Volume when first published was condemned in the Index Expurg., & that might make him apprehensive of like danger to the second.

Aug. 5 (Sun.). Mr. Cholmondley, A.B. of Merton College, was elected this last Magdalen tide Fellow of Magdalen College into a Lincolnshire Fellowship. He is the same person, whom I not long since mentioned. He is a good scholar, and a pretty civil Gentleman.

Aug. 6 (Mon.). To mention Mr. Thomas Mace to Mr. Baker of Cambridge. He wrote and published a book in folio of Musick, being about the Lute. As I remember, it was 12s. price to Subscribers, and was printed in 1674, with the author's picture, *anno aetatis* 63, before it. I know not what character this author (who belonged to Trin. Coll. in Cambr.) bore; I suppose no extraordinary one, he being not taken notice of by Mr. Wood, who was a musical man, either in his *Athenae*, or the *Life* of himself. Neither can I tell, whether Mr. Wood hath noted him in his MS. account of our musitians, now in the Ashmolean Museum, but I presume not, otherwise sure he would have touched upon him in his
 30 *Athenae*. I believe Mr. Mace was not much acquainted with Oxford Gentlemen.

Aug. 7 (Tu.). The account Mr. Jones sent me of the family of the Ferrars he says in his letter of July 2, 1733, is not his own; so would have it returned. He sent me at the same time an old inscription, he formerly took down, when he went to see Luton Church, during his stay at King's Walden. But this he had formerly sent by Mr. White-side. He dares promise it to be exact, only a word is wanting, that neither he nor his friend Mr. Thomas Bonfoy of the Middle Temple (& of the parish of Abbat's Ripton) can as yet make out, but Mr. Jones will
 40 hereafter send it, if either he or Mr. Bonfoy can retrieve it, provided it will be of service to me, and I should desire it.

Aug. 8 (Wed.). I have heard on all hands that the Bp. of Oxford Dr. Potter's Lecture on the Vespers, or Act Saturday, lately, was wretchedly bad, and indeed nothing like a Lecture. All agree likewise that Dr. Secker of Exeter's late Act Sermon was much preferable to Dr. Cockman's, Master of Univ. College, but both are printing, and then

Aug. 4, 1733. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 15. 101). Has seen Mr. Baker at Cambridge; sends the inscription of Bishop Chappell [see Diary, Aug. 14].

a judgment may be made. Bp. Potter's edition of Clemens Alexandrinus is worse than the former, as I have heard it said by such as have considered the matter, for I never examined it myself.

Meeting last Friday with an old man of Oxford, who remembers what Acts were formerly very well, he observed to me, that our late Oxford Act was the very worst that ever was, not excepting even that of 20 years ago, when Dr. Gardiner was Vice-Chancellor, and that it ought by no means to be called an Act, and I think his observation was just, tho' it must be said, that the Vice Chancellor is to be commended for having an Act (tho' not for bringing Handel & his Company from London) which ought to be 10 every year, & the Master of Univ. College, Dr. Cockman, told me very lately, that he would do his endeavour, that there shall be one every year.

Mr. Dodwell of Trinity College's sermon, that he preached at St. Marie's before the University on St. James's day July 25 last, was about sincerity, as I am told, upon which subject he preached some time before in Berkshire, setting up to be a Preacher against his diocesan Benj. Hoadley, Bp. of Sarum. His father would not have allowed him to take the oaths, nor to have preached 'till he had been at least four years standing before the University, such a time being requisite by the Statutes.

Aug. 9 (Thur). Tho' our performances at Oxford lately were 20 generally so bad, that some of the disputants could not make syllogisms, & some could not repeat them, as I have heard, yet there are not wanting those, who magnify all very much, as if it ought to be a standard for future Acts, and exceeded in excellency whatever was done formerly, whereas nothing has been so bad, take it all together. And even the best part, the Philosophical Exercises on Friday the day of the Encaenia were mostly so wretched, as they will not bear printing, what was otherwise designed. This is what I hear.

On Sunday morning Aug. 5 last, about two Clock a fire broke out in an outhouse, near the George Inn in Thames Street Oxford, but 'twas 30 happily extinguished with burning two or three hovels. The wind was still, otherwise it might have proved of great damage, being in the west.

A Gentleman (an Esquire) lately with me, tho' he be a complyer in all respects but a Tory, acknowledged the Nonjurors to be the true honest stanch men of the nation, namely those who are intirely Nonjurors, & do not go to the publick Churches, and that such as have complied and adhered to Pseudo Bishops, will never be able to get over what shall be objected against their defection.

To know something of Mr. Baker concerning Dr. John Goodman, author of the Winter Evening Conference.

Dr. Cockman's Act Sermon is come out, being printed at the Theater. 40 It bears this Character, that 'twould have been a good Lecture, rather than a Sermon.

On Tuesday last Aug. 7, I wrote to Mr. Loveday at his uncle's Captain Lethieullier's, at Brea, near Athy, in the county of Kildare, in Ireland, but I did not send it 'till yesterday. 'Twas an answer to one I had just then received from him, dated at Clonard July 28, 1733. I desired him to inquire about Tundal's Vision. Mr. Loveday set sail for Dublin from Holyhead, about 3 clock in the morning on July 23, & reached Ireland by 8 next morning; so calm the seas that none of the passengers 50

were disordered. Mr. Bagshaw, a worthy Demy of Magd. Coll. is Mr. Loveday's fellow Traveller.

Aug. 10 (Fri.). Father Courayer's speech, spoke in the Theater on Wed. July 5 last, is come out, printed at the Theater in 4^{to}, price 6d.

Some call it the Terrae-filius's speech, there having been no Terrae filius's Speech, as there ought to have been. Besides which there is a Terrae filius's speech in English printed at London; so they say there are now two Terrae filius's speeches, as there ought to be by statute.

The chief thing in Courayer's speech is to congratulate himself for
 10 coming into England, to receive a Pension (for such he hath) from Queen Caroline, wife of K. George II, whom he extolls for her Learning and Bounty. This is the man that is caressed by us. He was created Dr. of Div. by Diploma by our Univ. on Aug. 28, 1727, Dr. Mather being Vice-Chancellor. He wrote a letter of thanks from beyond sea upon receipt of his Diploma, both which were printed at that time at the Theatre in 4^{to}. He is Canon Reg. of St. Genov. at Paris. He pretends to be still a Roman Catholick, but to differ very little from us; what that difference is I know not.

To-day I wrote to Mr. George Ballard of Camden in answer to his of
 20 July 5 last. I observe to him, that I do not know, when Marcus Ulpius, Marci filius, mentioned on the Verulam Urn, lived, but think it was about the time of Diocletian.

Aug. 11 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Aug. 6:—

London, Aug. 2, 1733. Letters from Weymouth in Dorsetshire give an account of a very melancholy Accident, that happened a few miles off that place last week, viz.:—about 13 or 14 Gentlemen and Ladies, having been at Mr. Weld's seat (who lately had the cause before the Delegates) at Lawthrop Hall, and it being a fine day, had a mind to go in a Vessel on the Sea, which accordingly they did; after they had got a little way out, a sudden squall arose,
 30 which laid the Vessel all on one side close to the Water, the Mast lying in (it's supposed the moving of the Ballast occasioned it), and in this Situation they were some short Time, when a Gentleman, who was reckoned the best Swimmer, stript and went in, in order to get to Shore for Help; but before he had swam far, his Strength failed him, and he turned back to get into the Vessel; but being just spent as he came up to her, caught hold of the Mast to save himself, by which means he pulled the Vessel over, and all, except one Gentleman, were drowned. Their names were not then known, but one of the Ladies was about 17, and reckoned the greatest Beauty and Fortune in that County.

Aug. 12 (Sun.). On the 29th of last month, being Sunday, died
 40 (according to the Prints) the Rev. Edward Morse D.D., formerly a Founder's Kinsman, and Fellow of St. John's College in Oxford, and Senior Proctor of that University at the Publick Act (or rather Publick Sham Act) in 1713, in which, during the whole year of office, he behaved himself with great Applause. He was afterwards made, by that just

Aug. 10, 1733. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 23). Thinks that Marcus Ulpius lived in the time of Diocletian. Hopes that justice will be done to the late Mr. Greaves by those who have his papers of 'your neighbouring Antiquities. I did him what honour I could by what he sent to me, and 'tis probable, that what I did will perpetuate his fame.'

man Bishop Hooper, Prebendary of Wells; was presented by William Newland Esq. his fellow collegiate to the Rectory of Gatton in Surrey, and by his College to Chalfont St. Peter's, near Gerrard's Cross in Buckinghamshire, which he held by Dispensation to his death.

Aug. 13 (Mon.). Both Dr. Cockman's and Dr. Secker's Act Sermon being now printed & published, tho' I have not read them myself, yet all agree that Seckers is far the better Sermon. Nay Mr. Richard Clements (who is Dr. Cockman's bookseller) said in my hearing, that for his sake Cockman should have contrived to have had a better sermon. He said all people spoke against it, as poor, grovelling, creeping stuff, adding that he ¹⁰ must not hereafter pretend to print again. But (said he) because he some time since printed two sermons, both preached at St. Marie's before the University, which were approved of, therefore he thought his name would carry off and recommend any thing, but he is much mistaken; 'tis time for him to have done. Both these Sermons in the Title are said to be published at the Request of the Vice-Chancellour [Dr. Holmes] & Heads of Houses. Dr. Cockman's Sermon is upon Rom. xii. 2 *And be not conformed to this world.* Hereupon the Dissenters say 'twas a Sermon for them, as being for Nonconformity. And all say, that, besides its being a very flat thing, 'twas not well timed to preach up Nonconformity to this world, ²⁰ when the Act was purely Conformity to it, & so designed; and whereas Dr. Cockman seems to be zealous for Acts, he of all men should rather have preached up Conformity to such Sollemnities, than seemingly at least to preach against them. But in excuse for the Doctor, it may be said, that tho' he be for Acts, yet he is not for having them prostituted to the bad designs of promoting Vice and Immorality. This may justly be said in his Excuse, tho' after all his Sermon or Discourse hath not got him any credit. Dr. Secker's is upon Deut. xxxii. 46, 47.

Aug. 14 (Tu.).

[The Epitaph of Bishop Chappell.]

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The said Epitaph is the same, only much more correct, with that I before inserted from Dr. Edm. Borlase. It was copied by Mr. Chappell Fowler of Southwell & sent Aug. 1, 1733, in a Letter to the Rev. Dr. Williams, Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge, at the motion of Mr. Baker, who, for my sake, was desirous of an exact Copy. It is in every thing according to the original. The stone is black marble, in the north wall of the Chancel, the letters gold and very legible. It was sent me by Mr. John Jones, curate of Abbats Ripton in Huntingdonshire, with Fowler's letter. Mr. Jones had both of Mr. Baker, to whom they are to be returned by Mr. Jones again. ⁴⁰

On Saturday Aug. 11 chiefly, and two or three days before¹ in this year 1733, the President of Magdalen College's garden, a very fine thing, was demolished, a new Quadrangle being going to be built, in order

Aug. 13, 1733. James Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 161). 'Having the misfortune to be overturn this night in the Stage Coach, I hope you will excuse my not waiting upon you with the Dr.'s Parcell, some of the company being very much hurt & myself not fitt to come out.'

¹ They began upon the Thursday, Aug. 9. Note by Hearne.

to which the President (Dr. Butler) as 'tis said, hath subscribed five hundred pounds, he having (as 'tis also said) given the College an hundred pounds before.

Aug. 15 (Wed.). About a fortnight since died, after 2 or 3 days illness, of a violent fever, that wretched creature Mr. George Ward, commonly called Jolly Ward, Fellow of Univ. College. He died at Mr. Grevile's in Hampshire, of whom he had a living in Oxfordshire. He took the Degree of M.A. June 7, 1708.

Cat. impressus manuscritorum in Bibl. Coll. Reg. Oxon. no. 952.28
 10 'Codicum Manuscritorum in Bibliotheca Collegii Baliolensis in Universitate Oxonie catalogus copiosissimus & accuratissimus, quem magno labore & judicio concinnavit G. Langbanus, collegii Reginensis prepositus. Continet paginas 387, & Langbanii manu conscribitur, 4^{to}.
 'Tis not now in Queen's Coll. Library. 'Tis the same with that given at his death by Ant. a Wood to the University, with other Adversaria of Dr. Langbaine's, & is mentioned thus in the printed Catalogue p. 372, 'Index accuratissimus MSS. in Bibl. Collegii Balliolensis Oxon. cum conjecturis Langbanii doctissimis, Continet p. 387, 4^{to}.'

Queen's people say Ant. a Wood borrowed it, & never restored it, and
 20 they are very angry.

But Mr. Thwaites used to tell me that Ant. a Wood used often to come to Dr. Barlowe, & when the Dr. was busy, he would shut Ant. into a room, where books & MSS. were, and that Ant. would sometimes carry off things, & that he was caught once going off so, & called after. What Ant. gave to the public Library of Dr. Langbaine's did belong to Barlow, but whether they were really Barlow's own I know not. However Ant. said he found them among offal Papers of Dr. Barlow's after his (Barlow's) death.

Mr. Sanford of Balliol hath made a new Catalogue of their MSS.,
 30 as also he hath made a Catalogue of the writings in their Treasury.

Fasciculus Browne (by his standing) could hardly be one of those that made the verses I spoke of in the Monasticon, which copy of the Monasticon must be a great Rarity, nor does he seem to be born a Poet. Had Dr. Harris finished his History of Kent (which he has left very imperfect) we might have expected an account of this Edward Browne.

Aug. 16 (Thur.). Mr. Sanford of Balliol signified to me on Aug. 13, 1733 that 'twould be a good piece of service to the World, if the whole Body of our University Statutes, as also if all College Statutes, were printed, considering what vile practices are used nowadays, tho' if the
 40 Statutes were studiously observed, it would not be at all proper to print them. Others (among which myself) are of the same mind.

The famous Mr. Nicholas Ferrar died in 1637, according to a little note of Mr. John Jones's, which I saw on Mond. Aug. 13, 1733.

Besides the thunder I lately mentioned, there hath been a vast deal of more mischief done by it at several times this summer, which hath proved prodigious hot. Particularly the prints tell us, that they write from Kirby Moreside in the North Riding in Yorkshire, July 27, that on the Sunday before happened such terrible thunder and lightning, as hath not been known for many years. At Ribbis, a village adjacent, the following

remarkable accident happened. The lightning entred the house of one Mr. Tod, a farmer, tore down the chimney and all the ceiling, killed the Master and his Man; the former continued upright in his chair, and the other fell on his face, and being at dinner, the handle of the knife split in the man's hand, part of the blade melted, and continued so hot for some time as not to be touched. Another man and woman sitting at the table were both struck lame and speechless, but notwithstanding the aforesaid damages done, the house was not set on fire.

Aug. 17 (Fri.).

[The inscription in the tomb of John Ruding in Biggleswade church; see R. Gough *Sepulchral Monuments* II. 273.] 10

This John Ruding died about 1471, being then Archdeacon of Bedford and Prebendary of Buckingham, which Chancel he entirely built from the Ground, as is apparent from the Glassing of the windows, there being in every pane of Glass a Crescent or ¹ Escallop, as there is his arms carved in stone.

Taken from a copy of Brown Willis's Esq. who took it from the stone now in the Church.

The said copy was communicated or lent to me by Mr. John Jones, curate of Abbat's Ripton, Hunts. 20

Aug. 18 (Sat.). Bishop Kennett used to say, the most desirable part of our Antiquities is wanting, that is, Parochial Antiquities.

Mr. Jones said Dr. Knight hath now no design upon the History & Antiquities of the Cathedral of Ely.

On Monday Aug. 13 was the first time I saw Dr. John Freind's Opera Medica, published very lately in folio by Dr. John Wigan, who hath translated what had before been published in English. Dr. Wigan hath prefixed a long Preface, giving an account of Dr. John Friend's life. He tells us, he was 52 years old when he died, which was in 1727, being born in 1675. In this Preface Dr. Wigan hath, in a very rude manner, abused Dr. John Woodward, who being dead cannot help himself, for which wise men very much condemn Dr. Wigan. The work is dedicated, in a very long & very flattering epistle, to Queen Caroline by Dr. Robert Freind, brother to the author. 30

Quaere, whether Cambridge have a right twice together to Fellowships of Eaton College and Oxford twice, vicibus alternis, as I have been told they have.

I have at length read over both Dr. Cockman and Dr. Secker's Act Sermon, and I find, what hath been reported by all, to be very true, that Secker's is by much the better Discourse. Indeed Secker's is rather an Essay than a Sermon, but 'tis very handsome & neat, and proper enough for the Auditory, notwithstanding his speaking in commendation of K. George and Q. Caroline, which is no wonder, since he writes himself in the Title L.L.D., Prebendary of Durham, Rector of St. James's Westminster, and Chaplain in Ordinary to his Majesty. But Cockman's as it is rather a Lecture than a Sermon, so 'tis very flat, dull & heavy. 40

¹ He means *and*.—Ed.

Aug. 19 (Sun.). Dr. Robert Freind is very much condemned & blamed by all his friends, for his late long fulsome Panegyrick upon Q. Caroline, prefixed to his brother's *Opera Medica*, and such as are not his friends sneer [at] him for it. I was told last night by two honest gentlemen, one of which hath been his Scholar at Westminster School, that the Dr. himself is now very sorry for it. 'Tis said by all, that he was induced to write so only out of covetousness. He thought to have got the Deanery of Christ Church by it, or else some other great Preferment. Indeed Christ Church I always most heartily wished to have seen him
 10 preside over, but 'twas before I ever saw this Panegyrick, by which it appears that he is quite warped from those high honest Principles, he was once celebrated for. But it seems they have suspected him for some time, as his brother John (whose *Opera Medica* these are) was fallen off some time before he died from the Principles he had professed, and was put in the Tower for.

Aug. 20 (Mon.). Mr. George Ward (commonly called Jolly Ward) who died tother day at Mr. Grevill's at Bramer in Hampshire, kept a correspondence of late with Mr. William Smith of Melsonby. Mr. Smith wrote him several letters, in which, I hear, he spoke of the Writer
 20 of these Matters, particularly on account of what this Writer had said in his published books about University College. Mr. Ward kept these letters together in a book, pasting them in on purpose to have them preserved. Tho' Mr. Ward made a great bluster in University College, & acted very openly, yet 'tis generally thought he was only a tool to Dr. Shippen and Mr. Denison.

This day at 12 clock at noon, St. Marie's great bell rang out for Dr. Matthew Tindall, fellow of All Souls College, who died this last week out of the College, where he seldom appeared. He was matriculated in Lent Term 1672, aged 15 or thereabouts, being Commoner of Lincoln
 30 College (where Dr. George Hickes, as I have often heard, was his Tutor). Thence he removed to Exeter College, took the Degree of Bach. of Arts, and was chosen Fellow of All Souls, as a member of which he took the degree of Bach. Civ. Law, Dec. 17, 1679, and that of Dr. of Civ. Law July 7, 1685. He was a man of most vile Principles, and of no religion, as may appear from many books he wrote & published, in which he had the assistance of the late Mr. Collins, yet without his name to them, among which are the Rights of the Christian Church, and Christianity as old as the Creation.

Aug. 21 (Tu.). On Tuesday July 31 last, according to the Prints,
 40 died at her house at Twickenham, aged 80 years, the Lady Isabella

Aug. 19, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 115) [see Diary, Aug. 26, 27, 28].

Aug. 20, 1733. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 150). Sends political tracts; also a cast of the seal of Thomas de Hemingforde [see Diary, June 1].

Aug. 20, 1733. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 177) [see Diary, Sept. 6, 7]. A merry passage happened at Rochester, where some apothecaries were botanizing, and the country routed them, alarmed by a joke of a Gent. who told the Louts they came to measure their lands in order to excise them. So dreadful is the word and idea fixed to it.'

Wentworth, widow and relict of Sir William Wentworth, formerly member in several Parliaments for the borough of Thirske in Yorkshire; by whom she had issue five sons and four daughters. Of the sons, two are now living, viz. the Right Hon. the Earl of Strafford, Kt. Companion of the most Noble Order of the Garter, and the Hon. Peter Wentworth Esq., equerrey to her Majesty [Q. Caroline]: Allen, Paul and John having been killed in the late wars in Flanders; and of the daughters, which were Frances, Anne, Isabella and Elizabeth, the eldest was married to Walter Lord Bellew of the Kingdom of Ireland, the second to James Donelane Esq. of the same kingdom; the third to Francis Arundel of Stoke Park in the county of Northampton Esq., and the youngest is now the wife of the Rt. Hon. John Lord Arundel of Trerise. The aforementioned Lady Isabella Wentworth was daughter to Sir Allen Apsley Kt., Treasurer of the Household to King James II, and was herself of the Bedchamber to that unfortunate Prince's Queen; and her Deposition in relation to the Birth of the Pretender [as they call K. James III] is recorded with others in the Petty-Bag-Office of the High Court of Chancery.

The same Prints tell us, that on the same day [viz. July 31] died at Cambridge, the Rev. Dr. Richardson, Master of Peterhouse, and Fellow of Eton College.

Quaere about the said Dr. Richardson. I think he was a learned man, and author of several books. Mr. Baker can tell.

Aug. 22 (Wed.). On Saturday Aug. 18 was the annual meeting, called the High Borlace, at the King's Head Tavern in Oxford, when Miss Molly Wickham of Garsington was chosen Lady Patroness, in room of Miss Stonhouse that was Lady Patroness last year.

Sund. Aug. 19, 1733, Walter Pryse Esq. who had been with me the day before in the morning, brought to me one Capt. Dove, & we spent two or three hours together. This Capt. Dove hath a silver shekel of the Sanctuary, which he makes a great talk of, and saith he hath been offered twenty Guineas for it. This and others of that nature I take to be spurious, and so of little value, little more than the intrinsick value, which is hardly half a crown. He saith, he hath abundance of other coins, & that they were all left him by his father. Mr. Dalby of Hurst by Reading was also with them. This Dalby's mother was Mrs. Joanna Finch, the youngest daughter of John Finch of Feens near Maidenhead Esq.

Aug. 23 (Thur.). John Packer Esq., eminent in K. James I's time, being Secretary to Villiers Duke of Buckingham and might have been Secretary of State, had he not, out of modesty and out of a foresight of the danger of the place, declined it, was of Trin. Coll. Oxon., where he spent four years time, and afterwards removed to Cambridge, where in Trin. Coll. he spent four years more, & was very well reputed of for his sufficiency in Learning & Civil behaviour. Ask Mr. Baker, whether he took any degree. Anthony Wood in his IInd Vol. in the Fasti, col. 791, mentions John Packer, doctor of Phys. of Padua, & afterwards one of the Coll. of Phys. at London but he was different from the Secretary.

On Monday Aug. 20, 1733, they began to dig for the Foundations of the new Building, on the north side of Magd. Coll.

Dr. Leigh, Master of Balliol Coll., was of the High Borlace this year. This is the first time of a Clergyman's being there.

Aug. 24 (Fri.). In Ruthin Church in Denbighshire is an Epitaph upon Dr. John Williams, who was Schoolmaster of Goodman's School there. Mr. Loveday hath taken it down.

Mr. Loveday hath transcribed Mr. Henry Cadogan's Epitaph in Christ Church. He was a great Loyalist to King Charles II.

Mr. Loveday hath got Archbishop Marshe's Epitaph.

In Primate Marshe's Public Library Mr. Loveday light on a book, 10 intitled, *An Account of the origin & formation of Fossil-shells &c.* It is a small 8^{vo}, printed at London, in 1705. It is wrote by anonymous (*sic*). But some one with his pen in the Title-Page has wrote *Auct. Hen. Rowland*, who I suppose is the same with the author of *Mona Antiqua Restaurata*.

On June 14, 1724, I lent Mr. Whiteside of the Museum two printed papers of Dr. Plot, which I never had again from Mr. Whiteside. They both related to Dr. Plot's design for the Natural History of England, and one (as I remember) was particularly for the county of Kent.

Aug. 25 (Sat.). The College Library at Dublin is finished, and the 20 books removed into it; but not as yet put in their proper places.

Mr. Loveday calls Lord Bulkeley, good Lord Bulkeley, and says he is a very honest man.

The Prints tell us, that His Majesty has been pleased to grant to the Rev. Philip Barton, Doctor of Laws, the Canonry or Prebend in the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford, lately void by the death of Thomas Burton D.D.

One Williams, a Welshman, hath been several years about the Colleges &c. of Oxford. He is a sorry fellow. He hath just done them at 6 guineas the better & 3 guineas the worse paper. They are miserably 30 done, he being neither an expert drawer nor engraver. Logan's were done admirably well, & will always deserve great praise.

Aug. 26 (Sun.). Bishop Fell had a design of publishing all Roger Bacon's Works, but this is not taken notice of by Dr. Jebb, the Editor of Bacon's *Opus Majus*. Jebb, it seems, hath signified, that Sir Isaac Newton took his notion of Gravitation and Attraction from this book, but it seems there is nothing in it, that could lead Sir Isaac to that notion, at least I do not find any such thing, neither my friend Mr. Baker, who, as I did, run the Book over but hastily, and so the matter might easily escape us, neither of us pretending to skill in Mathematicks.

40 **Aaron**, an old Jew in Oxford, being showed last Sunday the silver shekel of Capt. Dove, I being present with Mr. Pryse and others, when the Captain insisted it was genuine, Aaron said if so, it was worth five hundred pounds, insinuating, what I said at first sight, that it was spurious. And yesterday passing by Aaron in High Street, I mentioned this shekel again to him, *Foo, foo*, says Aaron, *they may make such every day*.

Aug. 25, 1733. Rev. John Baily to H. (Rawl. 13. 53) [*see* Diary, Sept. 24, 25, 27].

Aug. 27 (Mon.). The silver penny, I have above mentioned, of William Rufus, coined & found at Oxford, is a great Rarity. Mr. Baker never expects to meet with any such at Cambridge.

Mr. Thoresby in pag. 165 of his *Ducatus Leodiensis* very justly observes, that Mr. Christopher Saxton's is the best map, that was ever made for the County of York.

Aug. 28 (Tu.). Thomas Mace's *Musick's Monument* was printed at London 1676 folio. Mr. Baker hath seen the author, who was an honest good man, but poor, & his book seems to have been a begging design. His Character is not great, nor (as Mr. Baker tells me) worth my notice. 10 Whence he had his Music, Mr. Baker cannot say, for he came to them out of Yorkshire, & was (if he well remembers) a singing man at Trinity College.

Dr. Goodman was truly *vir sui nominis*, his books are exceeding good. His Winter-Evening Conference is deservedly much read. Mr. Baker sends in his letter of Aug. 19, 1733, as follows:—Joh. Goodman, filius Ricardi G., attorney, Rothwelliae natus in agro North', a magistro Seton, in schola publica Ketheringiae in dicto comitatu per triennium et amplius literis gramatic' institutus, annum agens 16, admissus est sizator [in Coll. Sid.]; Art. Bac. an. 1644, 5; S.T.P. anno 1673; admitted Archdeacon 20 of Middelsex June 13, 1686 (Newcourt Vol. I, p. 83); instituted rector of Hadham Magna, in com. Hertf. Dec. 22, 1674, where he dyed.

Aug. 29 (Wed.). On Sunday Aug. 26, 1733, Mrs. Eliz. Chandler, a very pretty young woman, comes from Adderbury by Banbury to Oxford.

On Sat. Aug. 18, 1733, Mrs. Eliz. Beau, daughter of Mr. Beau of the Bear Inn Oxford, brought to bed. She is about 25, a well shaped young woman. She lays it to one Rigby, a Gentleman of Wadham, to whom she says that she is married, what no one believes.

A little before, a daughter (a pretty young woman) of Mr. Finmore of 30 South Hinksey in Berks near Oxford, was brought to bed of a bastard child, since dead, which she laid to the Tasker.

Dr. Rawlinson in his letter of the 3rd from London tells me, he was not the Editor of the curious miscellanies, in which is something about the Chester Inscription, and that but one letter relating to the intended assassination of Lord Clarendon ever belonged to him, which he communicated to his brother Thomas Rawlinson Esq., who corrected the Press, but never thought so trifling a labour gave him any title to be called an Editor, and thus far he says they were both concerned.

Aug. 27, 1733. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 84). 'Your packett was brought to Oxford by Mr. James Brome on Monday, the 13th inst., and the next morning I received it. But he did not bring it to me himself, because he had the misfortune on the Monday night to be overturned in the Stage Coach by Shottover Hill, and was not in a condition to stir out that evening. Some of the company were very much hurt. I knew not hereof till the Tuesday morning, when the packett was brought to me, and by the messenger I understood that Mr. Brome was, notwithstanding this Accident, gone on Journey.' On the Chester inscription; [see Diary, Sept. 2].

Aug. 30 (Thur.). On Mond. Aug. 27 in the forenoon called upon me one John Weeks Esq. who hath a sister's son a Gentleman Commoner of Trin. Coll. Oxon. called Langdon.

This Mr. Weeks is a middle aged man, and was of Sidney Coll. Cambridge, where he had two Tutors, one was Mr. Craven the late Master, the other Richard Allen, now (if he be living) the Senior Fellow of that College. This Mr. Allen, Mr. Weeks saith, is a great Mathematician, Chronologer and Antiquary.

Mr. Weeks is going to get a MS. of Alkindus in the Bodl. Lib. transcribed. It is among Sir K. Digby's, num. 1692. 91, Alkindus de Radiis; Alkindus de judiciis Latine, ex Arabico per Robertum Anglicum A.D. 1272, magna ex parte manu doctissimi Thome Alleni exaratus.¹

This Mr. Weeks, by what I can find, is very rich. He is a single man. He hath a commission by a Letter from a Gentleman, whose name Mr. Weeks would not discover, to consult the MS. in Bodley of Vettius Valens. This he told me of, upon my mentioning Vettius, as an Author that ought to be published. He said it should be transcribed, & he believed the Work would be printed.

Mr. Weeks knows, and is acquainted with, Father Courayer, who hath 20 a pension of 200 l. per annum from our Government. This Courayer was Librarian of St. Genevieve at Paris, and was a Canon Regular of St. Genevieve. He hath often shewed Mr. Weeks books in the Library of St. Genevieve. Mr. Weeks says Courayer is for going to Mass, if he hath a conveniency in a country where he lives, but if not, he is for going to any meeting whatsoever, a strange latitudinarian Principle.

Mr. Weeks said Courayer is about 56 years old. Mr. Weeks is acquainted with several Jesuits in France, of whom he speaks very honourably.

Mr. Weeks seems by his discourse to be a Devonshire man. He goes 30 (he says) speedily into Devonshire with Mr. Langdon, to adjust some affairs there of his nephew's the said Mr. Langdon.

Mr. Weeks designs to be in Oxford all next winter.

Aug. 31 (Fri.). On Monday Aug. 27, 1733, the Foundation Stone for the new building at Magdalen College was laid on the north corner of the west side, with this Inscription:—*Moribus excolendis | studiis litterarum exornandis | Otium datura | Wainfleti nomen et honores | ultimum in aevum proroget | Magdalena instaurata | die 27^{mo} mensis Augusti | anno Domini 1733 | Edvardo Butler LL.D. | Praeside.*

I did not see the said stone (which was laid before 12 Clock in the 40 morn and immediately done up or secured from sight) tho' I went on purpose that day in the afternoon, but I had it from Mr. Owen, Fellow of All Souls Coll.

Tho' the President's Garden be intirely destroyed, yet no part of the College is yet pulled down. Therefore the word *instaurata*, as well as the whole inscription, is laughed at by many.

I understand, that the meeting about this affair was very clandestine, and that there was no warning given to the absent Fellows. Had they

¹ Alkindus de radiis, and Alkindus de judiciis are different treatises; both are found in Digby MS., no. 91.—Ed.

been warned, & all things done fairly, the building would have been on the south part of the College, on some part that is ruinated, as having been a part of St. John's Hospital, & then the word *instaurata* might have been proper.

The President & Dr. Jenner were out of Town at the laying this Stone. The President went away soon after he had contrived with his Agents, of which Dr. Jenner is one, to have this affair done.

The Masons are Mr. William King & Mr. Piddington. Mr. King is of St. Peter's in the East, Mr. Piddington of Holywell. The Carpenters are Mr. Thomas Speakman & Mr. Robert Speakman, two brothers, of St. Peter's in the East.

Sept. 1 (Sat.). Mr. Weeks is mighty inquisitive after books, particularly MSS. relating to Magick, Spirits & Musick.

On Thursday the 16 inst. died, according to the Prints, Matthew Tindal LL.D. and Fellow of All Souls College in Oxford. In the reign of King James II he was reconciled to the Church of Rome, made a formal Abjuration, and went publickly to Mass in Oxford; but the Times changing, as to outward Appearance he changed, tho' he never made any solemn Recantation, as, being much in Favour, it was not insisted on. He wrote several pieces, as *The Rights of the Christian Church; an Answer to Bishop Gibson's Pastoral; Christianity as old as the Creation*; which have been all answered to the satisfaction of reasonable men, and to the Conviction, tho' not Conversion, of the Freethinkers of this Age. He made himself known to the Court after the Revolution, by his Determination against those who acted at Sea under king James's Commission, then absent, whom he declared pirates; tho' different were the opinions of the Civilians consulted on that nice point. In G. Parker's

Sept. 1, 1733. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 79). Sends a deed [see Diary, Oct. 11]. Also the following transcript:—Waleranus comes Warr' omnibus hominibus suis & amicis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem. Notum sit vobis omnibus me concessisse & dedisse & hoc presenti scripto quietum clamasse Alano coco meo filio Alani coci unum officium in domo mea quod Alanus pater eius habuit in domo Willelmi comitis, et totam illam terram que dicitur Wodelowe & unam virgatam terre in Cota cum omnibus aliis terris quas Alanus pater eius habuit in burgo de Warr' et extra; habendum et tenendum predictum officium & totam illam terram que dicitur Wodelowe et predictam virgatam terre in Cota cum omnibus aliis terris predictis de me et heredibus meis predicto Alano et heredibus suis adeo libere & quiete quam Alanus pater eius ea unquam melius & liberius & quietius habuit; ita quod nec ego Waleranus comes Warr' nec heredes mei in predictis terris de Wodelowe communionem nec pasturam ultra voluntatem dicti Alani vel heredum suorum de cetero nunquam habebimus. Et ego vero predictus Waleranus comes Warr' et heredes mei predictum officium et totam predictam terram sicut predictum est predicto Alano & heredibus suis contra omnes homines et feminas warrantizabimus, acquietabimus & defendemus in perpetuum. In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui; hiis testibus, Willelmo de Ardern, Willelmo de Bissopesdon, Bald' Poerio, Willelmo de Dunull', Waltero de Cormail', Henrico Revel, Hamone filio Hamonis, Gerardo Coco, Iohanne de Esefeld, Rogero filio Godwini, Roberto nepote Comitum, Iordano Clerico, Iohanne Clerico et multis aliis. With a broken seal, penes George Hopkinson bookseller in Warwick.

Ephemeris of 1711, is erected a Scheme of his Nativity. [It is reprinted in the said Parker's Ephemeris for 1734].

Sept. 2 (Sun.). In the third volume of a Book, called Mr. Ashmole's Antiquities of Berks, is added, Mr. Grenehalgh's Dissertation on the Chester Inscription. Dr. Prideaux had before printed what was necessary of it, and that indeed Bishop Fell thought sufficient, as did also myself, when I transcribed this Dissertation some time before it was printed in the said book, & therefore I did not think proper to give it at large in any book of mine, tho' perhaps I may do it hereafter, at least perhaps
10 I may compare mine with what is printed.

Mary Atkins, who lives in Oxford, was born 13 October 1710. Mary Ann Austin of Oxford was born about 10 Clock night Nov. 12, 1731.

Mr. Tagg of Paradise Garden, Oxford, was born 4 Feb. 1694. His wife is E. Tagg, whose maiden name was Hunsdon. She is a Berkshire woman & had several sisters. They were all well bred and their father was a substantial Farmer.

Mr. Tagg has a Father in Law at London, who married his mother; his own father hath been dead above twenty years. Mr. Tagg's father's effects are in the possession of the said Father in Law, & so have been
20 upwards of twenty years. Mr. Tagg's mother is of a bad memory. Mr. Tagg's Father in Law is infirm & dropsical, & was 60 years of age in May last, as he told Mrs. Tagg himself in June last, when he came to visit them about the middle of that month. He is a man of an uncertain mind, & not to be depended upon.

Sept. 3 (Mon.). On Thurs. Aug. 30, Mr. Weeks was with me again. He spends fifteen shillings a day. He is very much in the Stocks, being, as I find, a great dealer in Money. He is acquainted with many Jews. The Jews do not take usury of one another, but of others they take as much as possibly they can.

30 Mr. Weeks hath got one to transcribe Alkindus for him.

Mr. Weeks said, Mr. Rich. Allen of Clare Hall in Cambridge is about 3 score years of age. He said, he is a man of prodigious learning, but an Arrian, and very humble. I said I feared he (Allen) was proud, and but superficial, otherwise he would not be an Arrian.

Mr. Weeks said, Father Courayer is a man of but superficial learning, and that he could not write such another book, as he had done, about the Orders of the Church of England. The reason he gave was, because he said, the Bishop of Rochester (Dr. Atterbury) was the true Author of it. Upon which I told him, what we used to say, that Dr. Sacheverel could
40 never make such another speech as that he spoke at his Tryal, because the Author thereof was really Dr. Atterbury.

He said, he could not meet with one person in Oxford, among all that pretend to Musick, that really understood it, so as to give an Account of the true Nature of Musical Notes.

Remember to ask Mr. Anstis, what became of Sir Edw. Bysshe's MSS., among which was Mr. Chilmead's tract *De veteri Musica*.

Sept. 4 (Tu.). On Thursday, Aug. 30, I wrote to Mr. James West,

Sept. 4, 1733. Timothy Harris of Brackley to H. (Rawl. 15. 68).

at the Inner Temple, London, to see, whether in Mr. Graves's MS. History of Eynsham, which he hath, there be any thing about Adam, abbot of Eynsham, who was deposed 1228.

Mr. Weeks lived at Paris about 10 years, but he never was in Italy, Holland or Germany.

He was (as he yesterday expressly told me) born in Devonshire, but he did not tell at what place.

At the same time I was very urgent with him, that he should write a little Dissertation about the ancient Musick. But he was not willing.

Dr. Rawlinson finds great Difficulties with respect to what was left him 10 by Christopher Rawlinson Esq. so that the Legacy is not likely to be so beneficial, as I hoped it would, occasioned by the wickedness & baseness of some people, who are willing to frustrate what was designed for the Dr.

Mr. Weeks could never see the King of France's Library, they always pretending it was in confusion.

Sept. 5 (Wed.). Mr. George Ward (commonly called Jolly Ward) died on the 2nd of Aug. (being Thursday) at Mr. Grevill's in Hampshire, as I was told by one of his great drinking cronies John Abbot, an Oxford bookseller, on Friday Aug. 31, 1733. He died the 2nd day of his sick- 20 ness, being a very violent fever.

It is a common saying with the booksellers, that they can get off one impression of any book whatsoever, as Mr. Weeks tother day observed to me, when I talked with him about Alkindus, particularly when I said *I suppose, sir, you design to print it.*

Dr. Rawlinson received lately a very impudent letter from a scoundrell, one S. Bond (said to be a bye blow of Mr. Lowndes's of Cheshire) whom the Dr. had relieved as a sufferer, but now thinking proper to be a sponge, he tells the Dr., that his necessities oblige him to inform the Government of the Nonjuring Bishops & Clergy, and whatever else he knows, (can 30 forge) &c. to supply his wants, but the Dr. is not so easy as to suffer this to have any influence over him. He is resolved not to be subject to such villains and scoundrells. He fears neither his threats nor informations, nor can I think that the Government will mind such persons, as plainly turn Informers, merely for the sake of Lucre.

Sept. 6 (Thur.). I have not yet heard of the manner of Dr. Matthey Tindale's death, but suppose it hard.

Dr. Holdsworth of St. John's fancies, that Dr. Rawlinson, or his brother Thomas, communicated their Founder of St. John's College's last letter to his fellows, and thinks I have printed it. I do not know of any such 40 letter printed by any one, nor do I remember that I ever saw any such in writing.

Dr. Weeks does not inquire after books of Magick & Spirits out of any ill principle, but only in prosecution of what Athanasius Kircher hath done that way, and in order to understand some points in Antiquity.

Gives details about disputes at Brackley between the two churches [*compare* Diary, Sept. 25].

On Wednesday Aug. 29, 1733, at 11 Clock in the forenoon, the new Canon of Christ Church, Dr. Barton, was installed.

Sept. 7 (Fri.). Dr. Morse lately dead, who was formerly Fellow of St. John's Coll. Oxon. & was Tutor to Dr. Rawlinson. He had two livings, to both which Dr. Holdsworth of the same College is presented, that of Chalfont St. Peter's in Bucks by the College, to the other of Gatton by Mr. Newland, once a Commoner of St. John's. The College disputes his title to the latter, tho' the Jus Patronatus had been once tried, and the College cast by a Jury of Gent. and Clergymen in about
10 1670. It was very probably a benefice bought by Archbishop Laud, as appears by a letter of that Prelate's, as Dr. Rawlinson tells me, but it is as clear they never claymed a Presentation.

On Monday Sept. 2, 1733, died of the Gowt in the Stomach, Mr. Reeves, a house painter of St. Peter's in the East Oxon, at his house there. It was pretty sudden, I having seen and talked with him Thurs. Aug. 30 before at his own door. He was about 63. [He was buried at St. Gyles's Wed. Sept. 5].

On Monday night, Sept. 2, ended the Horse Races in Port Meadow by Oxford, beginning Tues. Aug. 28, so they were one day shorter than last
20 year. There was much mischief done this year in the meadow, one Jockey being almost killed on Wed. Aug. 29, but the chief hurt was on Friday Aug. 31, when a scaffold in the Meadow fell down, and had like to have killed several. Many were wounded much, & several had broken legs &c. It was put up by one Prickett, a carpenter of Oxford, who 'tis observed had formerly put up two, that also fell. They were all three (it seems) slightly put up. Booths this year were five weeks in the Meadow, not so long as last year. The appearance in the Meadow and Oxford was all this time very thin and poor, nothing near to what 'twas formerly, occasioned by the Act this year. The rope dancers &c. continued from
30 the beginning of the Act or before, till within a day or two of Bartholomew Day.

Sept. 8 (Sat.). On Tuesd. Sept. 4, 1733, Mr. Jackson, head cook of Brazen Nose, a young man, son of Mr. Ralph Jackson at the great Elm Tree by Ifley, attended Mrs. Eliz. Chandler in her return to Adderbury from Oxford.

On Aug. 13, 1733, Mr. Jones of Ripton Abbot's gave me printed Proposals, for publishing by subscription in one vol. in 8^{vo}, *A Visitation of all the Churches &c. throughout the County of Huntingdon, containing an Account of their Founders, Dedications, and Benefactors; all the most*
40 *remarkable Epitaphs, with Descriptions of the most curious Monuments, the Arms upon the Grave-Stones, and in the Windows Blazoned and Engraved upon Copper Plates; with the Names of as many Persons of Note, as could be gathered from the Registers, Wills &c. who have been buried in the several Churches without any Funeral Inscriptions. To which will be added A short historical Account of all the Honourary Offices they have undergone, and the Titles they have been dignified with. There will be a compleat Index to the Whole. By J. Clement jun. of Woodstone in the same County. It will contain (as near as can be computed) 35 sheets,*

price 7s. 6d.; 5s. at the time of subscribing, the Remainder upon delivery in sheets. It will be of the same size with the *Monumenta Anglicana*.

NB. The said *Monumenta Anglicana* is a poor performance by John Le Neve Esq.

Sept. 9 (Sun.). In Hen. VI and Ed. IVth's time great pains were taken in drawing up genealogical accounts or tables of our Kings. Hence it happens, that so many rolls of that nature are even now preserved. But tho' Ed. IVth had so many enemies, yet it appeared from the best accounts, that his title to the Crown was very just, and tho' his enemies strained their inventions, yet even their own tables confuted them. 10 In divers of their tables are many historical facts, such as those in a political MS. lent me three or four days since by Beaupré Bell jun. Esq., which are not only pleasant, but very usefull, some of which tables were seen and perused by Mr. Leland, who made (as in other things of Antiquity) a special good use of them, tho' some others, that have set up for Historians, have endeavoured to give all things a wrong turn, on purpose to serve an Hypothesis.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Sept. 3:—

Aug. 28; by a letter from Oxford we hear, that the famous College of St. Mary Magdalen in that University, founded above 300 years ago by William 20 Wainfleet, bishop of Winchester, being in part pulled down, the first stone was laid yesterday for rebuilding it, by a Proxy of [Dr. John Hough], the Lord Bishop of Worcester, who was President of the said College in the reign of King James II and was with the Fellows ejected by that Prince, but afterwards restored. His Lordship gave 1000 l. towards this work. The inner Quadrangle, or Court-yard, of the New College is to be 300 Feet square, and some say the whole will cost 100,000 l.

Sept. 10 (Mon.). Whereas the Paper says the College was founded above 300 years agoe, it must be noted, that it wants many years of 300, being founded in 1459, tho' the first stone of the additional building was not laid till May 4, 1474, which was a Wednesday. Neither is there one bit of the College yet pulled down.

The Prints tell us, that the late famous Dr. Tindal has left 2000l. to E. Budgel Esq. and his MS. of the second part of *Christianity as old as the Creation*; and the rest of his Estate to the Rev. Mr. Tindal, who translated *Rapin's History of England*.

NB. The said Budgel, who hath printed some things against Mr. Peers of Denton by Cudsdon in Oxfordshire is a sad villain; and Tindal the translator is a wretched Republican, and tho' Rapin with his Additions be much read by novices, yet 'tis a book good for nothing, 40 & not fit to be read by men of veracity, probity and judgment, such as are for following the Truth, & searching into the depths of things, & taking Relations from the Fountain Head.

They have printed the said Dr. Tindal's last will and testament price 6d.

Sept. 11 (Tu.). Mr. Rawlins is very solicitous that Mr. Pococke would finish his Grandfather Dr. Edw. Pococke's Life forthwith, by the help of the box of papers he hath sent for that purpose, which he thinks may make Humphry Smith's MS. on that subject as large again.

Mr. John Burton (Fellow of Corpus Christi College) is made Fellow of Eton College, as he told me himself on Sept. 6, Thur. 1733.

Camden on p. 130 of the 8^{vo} ed. of his Brit. quotes a private history of Hyde Abbey, *ut privata loci huius historiola testatur*. He does not tell where it was.

Sept. 12 (Wed.). Dr. Felton, a meer pretender to Religion (for he is a man of very loose morals) hath printed two Sermons in 8^{vo} upon the Resurrection, one of which is dedicated to Dr. Richard Smalbroke, bishop of Litchfield (as the other was to Dr. Smalbroke's Predecessor) 10 whom he mightily commends for his zeal in Religion, and for his Books, which however are allowed to be very dull, heavy things, against Woolston. This Dr. Felton (a sottish, dreaming, idle person) wants Preferment extremely, and in order to it is flattering and cajoling such as he thinks can obtain it for him.

Mr. Jonathan Colley, chaplain of Christ Church, told me on Friday Sept. 7, 1733, that he had read Peter Lancaster's abridgment of Daubuz's Com. upon the Revelation five times over, and designed to read it several times over more, being, he said, exceedingly well done. And he said he had read Daubuz himself three times over, and designs to read him more 20 than once over again, this Commentary of Daubuz being (he said) the most learned book that he had ever read in his life. I said the author was looked upon to be mad, particularly in the latter part of his life, when he did the Commentary. Not at all, said Colley, 'tis a most rational, learned, judicious, admirable work, nothing like it. Thus Colley, who is whimsical and crazed himself, like his crony Mr. Roger Bouchier of Worcester College, who is another admirer of Daubuz, and it seems Colley with Bouchier's assistance had epitomized this book himself before Lancaster, but desisted from publishing or printing it upon Lancaster's undertaking it. And now Colley says that Lancaster hath ten 30 times more Learning than himself, & that he cannot come in competition with Lancaster. For my part, I have just run over Daubuz, and when I did it, I concluded him presently to be touched, so laid him aside, Mr. Loveday of Magdalen College putting the book into my hands to look into. Mr. Colley told me he gave fifty shillings for Daubuz.

Sept. 13 (Thur.). I was told on Sund. night, Sept. 9, that Dr. Peirce Dod, who was formerly Fellow of All Souls Coll. and is now a Physician in London, waiting upon Dr. Tindale in his last illness, Dr. Tindale desired him to let the World know, that he died in the same opinion in which he lived.

40 Beaupré Bell jun. Esq. hath lately picked up a MS. of Sir Thomas Herbert's Memoirs of the two last years of K. Charles I, but it hath been printed both in Ant. a Wood's Ath. & Fasti Oxon and by itself.

He (Mr. Bell) hath given & sent me Erasmus William's *Expositio in Apocalypsin* in II Parts. 'Tis in Latin handsomely enough written. He was Fellow of New College, & *Dei Verbi minister fidelissimus, pastor ecclesiae de Tingeswicke in com. Buckinghamiensi*. So I find by the Title Page.

Mr. Bell sent & gave me at the same time, a cast from the seal of Thomas de Hemingeforde, now in the hands of Mr. Gale.

Sept. 14 (Fri.). Mr. Wood tells us in *Ath. Ox.* Vol. II that Thomas Southouse, author of *Monasticon Fevershamiense*, who was Gentleman Commoner of Queen's Coll. Oxon., 'had a son of the said house of Queen's College, who was a Commoner called —, in whose house at Feversham K. James II lay some nights in his flight from England to avoid dangers, whereupon he wrote an account of his escape.'

Quaere, whether the said account of K. James's escape was ever printed, and what is become of it. It would (I think) be a pretty thing to accompany the account of K. Charles II^{nd's} Escape, that they think of printing at Cambridge, or at least it might be perhaps proper to go along 10 with any thing that I may hereafter print farther than what I have already done about K. Charles I^{st's} escape from Oxford.

Collegio Magdalenensi Oxoniae novam partem nunc adjuncturi sunt Praeses alii. Primum lapidem (ut superius notatum) posuerunt die 27 Augusti, 1733. Aedes hasce novas, cum amplitudine, tum elegantia ad miraculum magnificentissimas fore ex jactis fundamentis facile dixeris. Quis extruere suaserit nescio. At Joannes Hough, episcopus Wigorniensis, olim collegii Praeses, pecunias libere contulit.

Sept. 15 (Sat.). On Tuesday morning Sept. 11 died of the Gout, in the Stomach Mr. Caleb Colton, Master of the Post Office in Oxford. He 20 was a shoemaker by Trade, and was a man of Parts, & of a very merry conversation, but was a vile Whig and an enemy to the University, notwithstanding his son Caleb Colton (who is a Clergyman) was of Wadham College, as a Member of which he took the Degree of M.A. on June 13, 1723. He was buried at Cairfax, where he lived, Thurs. Sept. 13.

The same day the bells in Oxford rang out for Sir John Smith's lady, she that was Nan Pim, & a servant to Mr. Broadwater in Oxford, where Sir John (then only Mr. Smith of St. John's College) became acquainted with her. I have spoke of her formerly in April 1729, and of the 30 extravagancies of Sir John, when he carried her from Oxford. She had better have had money of Sir John, than to have married him, and it hath been confidently reported, & so 'tis reported still, that she might have had two thousand libs. of Sir John, if she would have consented, that the Contract might be broke off. But this she utterly refused. Sir John was very kind to, and indulgent of, her; yet for all that, she knew not how to behave herself to persons of Quality and Distinction, which made her despised and laughed at by many, & contributed to the sinking of her spirits, & to the ending of her days, being in the 36th year of her age. Sir John always kept mean company, on purpose to be applauded 40 by them; so 'tis no wonder he should stoop to this maidservant, with whom, after his marriage, he would drink & quaff & be merry, with other mean persons also, at his seat near Bristol, where, it seems, she died some days since.

Also yesterday the Bell at St. Marie's rang out for Mr. Martin, of Hart Hall, a young Clergyman, a Master of Arts of good Character for his Morals & Learning. He was Minister of Ferry Hinxe near Oxford. He died of a Consumption.

Sept. 16 (Sun.). Dr. Mead is Executor to his brother Samuel Mead

Esq., by which, I hear, he gets about fifty thousand libs. The said Samuel Mead Esq. left his nephew Mr. Rolleston fifteen hundred libs.

Dr. Fiddes's life of Cardinal Wolsey was sold in sheets to subscribers for one guinea. It may be now had in pastboards, for seven shillings, or at most for 10s. or 10s. and 6d.

Father Courayer's speech is translated by some one of the University into English & printed 8^{vo}.

Mr. Sacheverel, who died a few years since, of Denman's Farm (in Berks) near Oxford, was looked upon as the best judge of bells in England. He used to say that Horsepath Bells near Oxford, tho' but five in number, & very small, were the prettiest, tunablest bells in England, & that there was not a fault in one, excepting the 3rd, and that so small a fault, as it was not to be discerned but by a very good judge.

Horsepath tower is 46 feet high; Garsington tower is 38 feet high.

Sept. 17 (Mon.). On Thursday, Sept. 13, Mr. Loveday returned from Ireland to Oxford. See above under July 12. He could get no account of Tundal or Tyndal at Dublin, the Library being in confusion, and they having no Catalogue.

Mr. Baker in his letter from Cambridge of Sept. 3 signifies to me that the Fellows of Eton College are not elected from Oxford and Cambridge *alternis vicibus*, since by a late determination (which he hath not by him) they are to have five of the seven Fellows from King's College in Cambridge. Dr. Richardson's Fellowship was disposed of after some controversy, 3 of the Fellows being for one Mr. Burton an Oxford man of Corpus Christi College, and as many for one of Peter-House in Cambridge. So the Fellows being equally divided, by Compromise they left it to the Provost [Dr. Bland], to choose one of the two, who in the first place would have brought in his own son, that not succeeding, he chose Mr. Burton.

Dr. Richardson was a learned man, but has left no book of his own writing or publishing behind him, that Mr. Baker knows of. He is succeeded in his Mastership at Peter House by one Mr. Whaley, Fellow of Pembroke Hall. At that College, they are to nominate two to the Bishop of Ely [Founder], & tho' one Mr. Berkit of the same College was put in nomination with Mr. W. yet the Bp. chose Mr. Whaley.

Sept. 18 (Tu.). On Friday evening Sept. 14 a little after 5 Clock called upon me, just after my return from my country walk, a son of my late friend Mr. Hilkiiah Bedford. He is younger than either Mr. William or Thomas Bedford, who are his brothers. He is a pretty youth. He did not stay with me above two minutes, a friend (he said) one Mr. Slade, a young Gentleman of Christ Church, waiting for him. He said he had been at Leyden, and was now going (being set out on Sat. Sept. 15) to his Brother in Law Mr. George Smith, of Burn-hall near Durham, after which I understood he is to go to France, where his brother Thomas Bedford now is.

Mr. Baker is of my opinion, that Sir Isaack Newton never consulted MSS. & so could not borrow from Roger Bacon's *Opus Majus*, if Sir Isaack's notions could have been found there.

Sept. 19 (Wed.). On Sat. Sept. 15, 1733, called upon me Seymour Cholmondeley, of Holford, in Cheshire, Esq. He told me that his brother Charles Cholmondeley, of Vale Royal, Esq., hath got the Register of the Cistercian Abbey of Vale-Royal, which formerly belonged (as appears from the Monasticon) to Th. Marbury of Marbury in com. Cestr'. In the Monasticon are many extracts printed from it.

Seymour Cholmondeley promised to look over the said Register, as soon as he should get home, and to send me word, whether there be any passages in it relating in general to the History of England.

He is a curious Gentleman, but was educated abroad, and was not of either of our English Universities.

Sept. 20 (Thur.). Mr. Allin of Sidney Coll. Cambridge is a generall scholar. What his Principles are, Mr. Baker cannot surely say, since he keeps 'em to himself, his modesty being as great as his Learning. He hath sent Mr. Weekes's admission to Mr. Baker thus :—*Johannes filius natu maximus Richardi Weekes de Souih-Taunton in agro Devoniensi generosi, ibi natus, et literis grammaticalibus institutus apud Okehampton, per 4 annorum spatium a magistro Sam. Burton, hujus Collegii quondam socio, annos natus 18 et quod excurrit, admissus est Pensionarius major 29^o die Maii 1705, sub cura magistri Craven S. T. B.* Mr. Allin tells Mr. Baker, he (J. W.) took no Degree, tho' he stayd long enough, to have been Bac. of Arts.

Sept. 21 (Fri.). On Monday Sep. 17, 1733, Mr. Nibb, upholster, was chosen Mayor, and Mr. Smith,¹ ironmonger, & Mr. Remmot, Shoemaker, bayliffs for the City of Oxford for the year 1733.

Mr. Baker presumes Father Courayer must have been the author of the book about the authority of our Orders. This Mr. Baker is well assured of, that he had his materials, from the archbishop of Canterbury [Wake], who had no correspondence or friendship with Dr. Atterbury. But that Dr. Atterbury was the real author of Dr. Sacheverel's speech, Mr. Baker hath no doubt; or at least, that it was not o Dr. S's own composing, being so unlike his Sermons.

But notwithstanding Courayer might procure materials from Archbishop Wake, Dr. Atterbury might still be the author of the book, employing a third person to procure the materials purely because he had not Interest himself. This was an artifice he used in other cases.

Humphry Dyson is put down by Mr. Stowe in his Survey, ed. folio, among his Authors. He quotes him pag. 174 for an historical passage relating to the City anno 4 Ed. VI.

Sept. 22 (Sat.). To enquire of Bp. Tanner, or some one else, what is become of Dr. Thomas Hyde's MSS. of his own writing, that are mentioned col. 975 of the IInd Vol. of Ath. Oxon, among which are the works of Zoroaster, which the Dr. designed, among other things, to have published, had he lived longer and met with encouragement.

John Packer Esq., Mr. Baker hath not yet met with at Cambridge. He will enquire at Trinity College there.

¹ Mr Smith died on Easter Day, Ap. 24, 1734. Note by Hearne.

Enquire for Saunders's Almanack for the year 1666, in the memorables for which year he mentions the strange large eagle killed at Harwich, where it had settled in its flight upon the top of some house. Quære when it was that this Saunders died.

Sept. 23 (Sun.). How the matter of the appeal relating to Snytenfeld, mentioned and inserted in this Volume,¹ ended, Mr. Ward of Warwick knows not, tho' he believes with little success to the Priory of St. Sepulchre's of Warrick, for he finds another contention afterwards about the tythes of that place.

10 Mr. Mattaire was greatly in the favour of Dr. Busby, & this Mattaire being a good, diligent, classical scholar, Busby kept him longer at Westminster than ordinary. After Mattaire came to Christ Church, where he was student, he was employed by Dr. South to collect the false accents and other things of that kind out of Dr. Sherlock's pieces about the Trinity, which done South printed the Collection, but he had better let it alone, it being looked upon very justly as a piece of Pedantry, & I think both South and Mattaire were ashamed of it.

Sept. 24 (Mon.). In a letter some time since to the Rev. Mr. John Baily, rector of South Cadbury in Somersetshire, I mentioned the good-
20 ness of the beer of Wells, as I had it from a MS. memorandum, written in K. Charles IInd's time. He shewed the passage to Dr. Archer, archdeacon of Wells, who could not very readily say any thing to it; but Mr. Baily falling in afterwards with an honest Vicar of the Church there, his answer to him about it was, that whatever effect their beer had in K. Charles the IInd's time, he was sure it had a quite contrary quality with it now.

30 On Sunday Sept. 16 in the afternoon called upon me one Mr. Gellibrand, whom I had never seen before. He said he was descended in a direct line from the famous Mr. Henry Gellibrand, the great mathematician. He lives at Whitehall, where he said he hath a place of about one 100 libs. per annum. He is a middle aged man, and is single, having never been married. He hath got all the pieces that were ever printed of that great man, & wanted to see his Dial in Trinity College Quadrangle mentioned by Mr. Wood.

Sept. 25 (Tu.). The foresaid Mr. John Baily is a great lover of medals. He wants to know whether our University Collection be a curious

Sept. 23, 1733. Richard Smyth to H. (Rawl. 15. 86). Writes that the present owner of Chirk Castle will pay for Otterbourne, which was ordered by the late Mr. Mydleton, but not for future volumes.

¹ This entry is at first puzzling, and throws light on Hearne's method of writing his Diary. The appeal about Snytenfeld is entered in the Diary under the date Oct. 11, yet it had already been written out. It is evident that Hearne would copy deeds on blank leaves towards the end of the volume, and when the Diary reached them, they were incorporated in the Diary for the day. The entries both for Oct. 10 and 11 are deeds copied out, the one apparently on Aug. 4, the other on Sept. 1. In each case he began at the top of a page, and having finished the Diary for Oct. 9, he wrote Oct. 10 and Oct. 11 at the head of the deeds he had already copied.—Ed.

and valuable one. It is not equal to what might be expected from such a Repository. Many years ago a catalogue of them, drawn up first by Mr. Ashmole, & afterwards continued by myself, was proposed to be printed, but 'twas judged after all better not to print it. The best part of the ancient Greek coins in it are those given by Consul Ray. I have now & then upon occasion published some particular coins from the whole Collection, and I think that is the best way of making a publick use thereof, viz. as any historical passage may occur that wants to be illustrated by any one or more of these coins, provided they have not been published before, for in such case I think needless to publish them.

Mr. Sandford of Balliol College is very busy in examining the Oxford Marbles, & correcting the Errors & supplying the defects of the several Editors; as I found by him on Sat. Sept. 22, 1733, when he told me that p. 45 of ed. Mattaire for DECATO should be read PACATO, and that 'tis so in the Stone.

There is a great Controversy at Brackley about St. James's Church, whether it be really a Church or a Chappel of Ease. My opinion hath been asked, particularly by letter from Mr. Thomas Harris of that place (who was a Mercer, but hath given over his Trade, & is a Justice of Peace) which was delivered to me by Mr. Browne, a Clergyman, a Bach. of Arts some few years since of Oriel College, on Fri. morn Sept. 21. My answer immediately was that 'tis a Chappel of Ease. Which opinion is confirmed by Leland in his Itinerary Vol. VII. Mr. Browne pulled out a little paper, transcribed from a register, by which it appears also to be a Chappel, mention being made in it of a stipendiary priest to officiate there, *sacerdoti cantori stipendiario*, as I remember. I wish (says Mr. Browne) we had known your opinion before, it would have saved a great deal of money, they being at law on this account. Browne himself hath spent 30 lbs. to prove it a Church, but he said he hath quitted the affair some time since, viz. after he had procured the note, which made him incline to think it was only a Chappel of Ease.

Sept. 26 (Wed.). The present Lord Bishop of Down and Connor in Ireland is Francis Hutchinson, who on Friday Nov. 5, 1731, preached in Christ Church, Dublin, before his Grace Lionel Duke of Dorset, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled. Published by command of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, and by Order of the House of Commons. The Third Edition. Dublin, 1731, 4°. 'Tis upon Deut. VI. 20. 'Tis a strange immethodical rambling discourse without Divinity, but he hath exhausted his whole stock of Learning (a very small one) in railing. There is one thing, however, that he is right in (and 'tis the only thing of good remark in his Rhapsody), and that is, his making the story of Pope Joan a Fiction.

To ask Mr. West, whether there be any monument to Mr. Joshua Stopford in the church of All Saints in York, of which he was Rector, as

Sept. 26, 1733. J. Worthington to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 259) [see Diary, Dec. 31].

Sept. 26, 1733. William Holwell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 401). Ceases to be a subscriber.

he had been Vicar of St. Martin's church in Cony Street in that City. He died anno 1675, was a learned man, as appears from what he wrote against the Church of Rome.

Sept. 27 (Thur.). Mr. John Baily above mentioned hath himself an imperfect series of coins, as I find by his letter of Aug. 25, 1733 from South Cadbury, I suppose of Roman ones, & sometimes he finds some in his garden and fields, for he lives just under a fine old Roman encampment, which you'll find in Leland by name of Camalet to be very particularly described. He observes, that Mr. Brown Willis has a good
 10 collection of our English coins, particularly Farthings, that Citys and Corporation Towns formerly made themselves. He hopes soon to get some for him he wants. His observation is just ; but I know not to what good purpose Mr. Willis collects these Farthings, commonly called Tokens, which seem to be so much trash.

Sept. 28 (Fri.). Dr. Archer from Wells of Sept. 13, 1733, tells me there is a tradition, and for ought I can see, saith Dr. Archer, a true one, that the sepulchral images of some of the bishops of this church [of Wells] who had been monks of Glastonbury, & buried there, were, upon the dissolution of that house, removed to our cathedral, for several such images
 20 are there, which covered some monuments if not at Glastonbury, yet somewhere else, but I believe at Glastonbury. I never heard (adds he) any thing of abbat Whytyng, neither could one expect any such sepulchral stone for him, his abbey being dissolved & he executed for treason, as was pretended, his body was burnt, & his head & quarters fixed on poles were never buried.

The present Earl of Abbingdon's father, whose picture is in the publick gallery of the University library, and in the Council Chamber of the City of Oxford, was a wonderful great smoker of Tobacco.

Sept. 29 (Sat.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Sept. 24 :—

30 The most Rev. Dr. Hugh Boulter, Lord Primate of Ireland, formerly one of the Fellows of Magdalen College in Oxford, has been pleased to give 500 l. towards rebuilding that College, and a letter of thanks has been sent to his Grace on that account; and the President & some of the Fellows have been to wait on the Bishop of Worcester, formerly President of the said College, at his seat at Hartlebury, to thank his Lordship for his benefaction of 1000 l.

London, Sept. 22, 1733. Yesterday [being Friday] the Rev. Caleb Colton M.A. was presented by the Right Hon. the Lord High Chancellor to the Vicarage of Shrevenham together with the chapels of Longcott and Watchfield, in the county of Berks and the diocese of Salisbury, worth upwards of 200 l.
 40 per annum, vacant by the death of the Rev. Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Underwood of Oxfordshire is appointed Post-master of Oxford, in the room of Mr. Colton [father of the foresaid Caleb Colton] deceased.

N.B. This Underwood is butler of Hart Hall in Oxford.

Sept. 30 (Sun.). My Brother in law, Mr. Daniel Dean, tells me from Wooburn near Beaconsfield, Sept. 20, 1733, that there is a green, a little one, called Forty Green, by Stoke Pogges, but that it is not of such danger

to cattle, as I told him I understood it was. It is just by Stoke Green. My authority was a MS. which I copied from Dr. Thorpe of Rochester. He tells me also of a large stone coffin, taken up in Wooburne Churchyard, of great thickness 8 foot long, with a stone pillar very neatly wrought, but the reading and date are both wanting. It lay at the south door.

He saith his brother hath lost his wife lately. He saith they have been repairing the houses (I know not what houses) all six of them, and that they are all filled this Michaelmas.

Oct. 1 (Mon.). Remember to consider the nature of the beds of the ancients. Og king of Bashan's is mentioned Deut. III. 11; it was of iron, ¹⁰ and was nine cubits (that is 4 yards and an half) in length, and four cubits (that is two yards) in breadth, after the cubit of a man, or after the common cubit.

Mr. West tells me from the Inner Temple of the 27th inst. that as soon as he received mine of Aug. 30 last, he turned over all Mr. Graves's collection for Evesham, but could find no mention of Adam Abbat there, nor of his successor Prior of Freston &c. No wonder, that Mr. West sought in vain in the collection for Evesham. But 'twas not Evesham, but the Abbey of Eynsham, that I sought after. Adam was abbat of Eynsham & tis the name of his immediate successor that I want. Mr. ²⁰ Graves took great pains about this Abbey of Eynsham, as well as he did about that of Evesham, tho' I have heard him often complain that in order to compleat his History of Eynsham Abbey, he wanted to inspect a MS. Register thereof, now belonging to Christ Church, but could never be favoured with the sight of it.

According to my desire in a letter I wrote to him at York, soon after he went thither from Oxford this last Oxford Act, he looked over the MSS. of York Cathedral, but found not the addition of a single MS. besides what is mentioned in the Catalogue. They are in great confusion & disorder. He saith Mr. Drake, who is compiling [I thought it had been ³⁰ published] the Antiquities of York, hath promised to take some care of them.

Oct. 2 (Tu.). Dr. Middleton Massey told me on Saturday Sept. 29 that the University is like to lose twenty thousand libs. from Sir Hans Sloane, upon account of what hath been transacted at the Ashmolean Museum, by making an Head of a House, Mr. Huddesford, President of Trinity College, Keeper of that place, and fixing upon him 50 libs. a year, whether he do any thing there or not.

The Dr. then told me, he hath published nothing but a Catalogue (a small thing, which I have) of the Library of Wisbech, and that there were ⁴⁰ but an hundred and fifty printed.

Mr. Robert Philips, brother of the late famous Poet Sir John Philips, told me yesterday, he was matriculated in Michaelmas Term as a member of Merton College anno 1693, and that Mr. Sherwin, Fellow of that House, son of Will. Sherwin the beadle, was his Tutor. Dr. Massey hath

Oct. 2, 1733. J. Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 20). Sends H. some verses about Dunstable, copied from a register there.

many MSS. Papers relating to Heraldry written by Sir Will. Dugdale's own hand.

Oct. 3 (Wed.). Athanasius Kircher, whose *Magia Naturalis* Mr. Weeks admires, & 'tis upon that account that he studies Magick, was a man of great memory & fancy, & so void of judgment that he seems to me to have been crazed or indeed mad, at least no better than the Dutchess of Newcastle, who wrote so much in Philosophy, for which she was much flattered when living, tho' afterwards her books on that subject were as much neglected, as they had been before cryed up; and yet after all considering her sex, what she did was wonderfull, but she is most of all to be respected for her Loyalty to the King, & for her Duty to her husband (whose Life she wrote) & for her other virtues.

I hear of iron bedsteads in London. Dr. Massey told me of them on Sat. Sept. 29, 1733. He said they were used on account of the Buggs which have since the great Fire been very troublesome in London.

Oct. 4 (Thur.). On Monday, Oct. 1, 1733, Mr. Appleby, mayor of Oxford for 1732, gave, as usuall, a breakfast to those of the Corporation, that for the ordinary sort at the Town Hall, but that for the better sort, viz. those of the Council Chamber, was in the Refectory of Edmund Hall, 20 being indeed a dinner rather than a breakfast, as beginning after the first was over about one Clock, and 'twas very handsome; after which towards four clock they retired & the new mayor for 1733, Mr. Nibb, took place. In the evening at six Clock was an entertainment in the said Refectory of Edmund Hall for women, such as Mr. Appleby had been pleased to invite, & after Supper there was Musick & dancing in that Refectory till eleven clock & after.

Mr. Baker having enquired at Trinity College Cambridge, he can hear of nothing more, than that one John Packer was admitted scholar of the House there anno 1590.

30 **Oct. 5 (Fri.).** The Prints tell us 'that on Sunday Sept. 23 last the Right Hon. the Earl of Stirling [whose name is Henry Alexander] a peer of North Britain, who has a seat near Egham in Berkshjre, came to Hampton Court and waited on their Majesties. His Lordship is about 70 years of age, and hath not been at Court since the second year of King William the Third, but chose to be retired. He was introduced by the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, and met with a most gracious Reception from their Majesties and the rest of the Royal Family.'

NB. The said Earl of Stirling lived when young at Bisham in Berks., where he married, after which he lived with his Lady in the Hill House 40 at White Waltham in that County. After that he removed near Egham. His Lady hath been dead many years. When he was young, he was a very generous, hospitable man, but afterwards he became universally stingy and sordid, & grew vastly rich. He hath lived a great many years in a strange out of the way manner, keeping no company, or at least very little, & scraping up Pelf all ways he could. His way of Life these last years hath been nothing equal to his Quality, for which he hath been universally condemned. I well remember him at White Waltham (when I was a school boy at Bray) two of his younger Brothers, Robert Alexander

& Peter Alexander, being my school Fellows there. He hath no child. We looked upon him then as something giddy headed or rather inclined to madness.

Oct. 6 (Sat.). To ask Mr. Baker of Cambridge whether they have instances in that University of persons taking Degrees in Divinity without being in Orders.

Mr. Burton, Fellow of Corpus Christi College Oxford, and Fellow also of Eton College, hath lately printed an English Sermon, occasioned by the Colony, that is planting in Carolina.

The Prints tell us that on Tuesday Morning Sept. 25 last, died, at his 10 Chambers in Gray's Inn, after a tedious Indisposition, John Radcliffe Smith Esq. one of the Governors of the Hospitals of St. Bartholomew, Bridewell and Bethlem, and nephew to the famous Dr. Radcliffe on whose estate he received a Rent-charge of 500*l.* per ann. which devolves to the University of Oxford.

That Mr. Allin was assisting to Mr. Whiston, Mr. Baker tells me in his letter Sept. 27, he thinks may be owned, for Mr. Whiston has said it in print, but he believes Mr. A. does not thank him for the Honor he has done him.

When I first heard of the great learning of the said Mr. Allen, I mentioned the famous Mr. Thomas Allen, first of Trin. Coll. Oxford, and afterwards of Gloucester Hall. I was told, that Mr. Allen of Cambridge was as great as Mr. Allen of Oxford, be he never so great. The character of Mr. Allen of Oxford is well known. He was applied to by Selden & all learned men at that time. Sir Kenelm Digby was his Pupil, & had his noble collection of MSS. after his death, many of which are now in the Bodleian Library (but bear not the name of Mr. Allen, but Sir K. Digby's only), but then they are hardly the third part of what Mr. Allen had. This Mr. Thomas Allen lived a most retired life, & was a very great mathematician and Antiquary, and indeed an universal Scholar, a thing 20 which sometimes happens, tho' 'tis but seldom that men are really universal Scholars. The late Dr. Benjamin Woodroffe, Principal of Gloucester Hall, used to take great pleasure in talking of this Allen and showing his room.

Oct. 7 (Sun.). Mr. Baker knows nothing of Mr. Southhous's account of King James IInd's escape. If it were (says he) his last escape from Rochester, it is pretty plain, he was in no danger, it being plainly intended, & no one ever questioned for it, as doubtless they would have been, had they been guilty of neglect in so important affair. If his other Flight was meant, you know he was intercepted, 40 & so openly, that he could not be concealed.

Oct. 8 (Mon.). I understood by the widow Salisbury on Frid. Oct. 5 last she was born on Sept. 3, 1658. She is a very strong, lusty woman. She lives with her son Thomas Salisbury (who hath a wife & seven children) on Bullington Green, but he is very undutifull to his mother as she told me. At the farther end of Bullington Green, on the left hand as we go to Horspath, was a strong substantial House, in which some years since beer was sold. It belonged to

Thomas Salisbury, but he pulled it down this year 1733, & hath built a barn where it stood, but the barn is nothing near so big as the House was. His mother is much concerned, that he hath done so, since if he should want, it would have been a very good shelter for him in such distress.

Oct 9 (Tu.). Young Mr. Bedford, who called upon me very lately, when he was of St. John's in Cambridge, was not like his two elder brothers, Mr. William Bedford and Mr. Thomas Bedford, but he is since improved, and I think these improvements may be owing to
 10 Mr. George Smith's good instructions in great measure, at the same time that his mother, by too much indulgence, inadvertently and undesignedly went the way to spoil him.

Humphrey Dyson was doubtless assisting to Stow, and no one could assist him better with books, of which he had a most noble collection; 'tis pity they were not preserved together, at least I wish there were a Catalogue of them. But by the binding & other marks we find of them in many Libraries. Mr. Baker hath not met with any thing of his writing printed separately.

Oct. 10 (Wed.). On Sat. Aug. 4, 1733, Mr. H. Wilbraham, M.A.
 20 and Fellow of Brasenose Coll. sent me by a servant a little folio MS. intituled *Historicall Account of the origine and succession of the family of Innes collected from authentick Writs in the Charter Chist of the Same*. He sent a letter with it, dated from Brasenose Aug. 3, in which he desires, that if I think it worth my while, I would be pleased just to peep into it. If there be any thing of value in those Memoirs, or that may be of service to you, he says he had a commission to leave it in my hands for two months; if there be none, which he says I should know at first sight, he desired me to return 'em by the bearer. He said he was to go out of Town in a day or two to make some
 30 stay. I cast my eye upon them, and found some things immediately curious in them, particularly things relating to that family. But being of a private nature, & not of publick History, I did not think fit to transcribe the MS.; only at the beginning was a charter I transcribed, which I have inserted in my Preface to the Chronicle of Dunstaple. It is of Malcolm (called the Maiden King of Scotland) to *Berowaldus Flandrensis*. The said Berowald was the first of this family of Innes, that we have in writ.

[Then follow extracts from the MS., which has now been printed; *Historicall Account of the origine & succession of the Family of Innes*,
 40 from an original manuscript in the possession of his Grace the Duke of Roxburghe; Edinburgh, Waugh & Innes, 1820.]

Delivered the said MS. back with my own hands to Mr. Wilbraham, in Brasenose College Quadrangle on Saturday after dinner Oct. 6, 1733, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Yarborough, Fellows of that College, being present.

Oct. 11 (Thur.). On the 1st of Sept. 1733 Thomas Ward of Warwick Esq. lent me an old Parchment containing the following appeal.

Oct. 11, 1733. J. Loveday to H. (Rawl. 28. 135). Mention of two pavements discovered at Silchester, but only partially uncovered.

[A notarial certificate, by William le Dorturer of Selebourne in the diocese of Winchester, public notary, of an appeal at Lambeth on Feb. 19, 132⁸/₇, tenth indiction, before Walter archbishop of Canterbury, made by William de Coderugge, Prior of St. Sepulchre's at Warwick of the Augustinian Order, who appealed to the Pope against the Archbishop, who had conferred the church of Snytenfeld in Warwickshire upon Philip de Hambury, though the church had long been appropriated to the house of St. Sepulchre's.]

Returned the said Appeal to Mr. Ward by the Warwick Carrier, George Watts (car. paid) on Mond. Nov. 5, 1733.

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Oct. 12 (Fri.). On Sunday in the afternoon Oct. 7, 1733, called upon me one B —, a labouring man (he goes to work, such as threshing, plowing &c.) of Chipping Norton. One Burgess (a very sorry fellow of Chappell on the Heath) was with him, which Burgess was in Oxford Castle some time since for 21 weeks. The said B — of Chipping Norton told me his mother was sister to my Brother in law Daniel Dean's father. He said Daniel Dean's father had left him (the said B.) twenty pounds. He said his uncle Daniel Dean had been a very wild man, and a spendthrift, 'till he married my sister, who is a most notable woman & manages his affairs so for him that he now 20 thrives much.

This B. of Chipping Norton (it seems) hath been married 9 years. His wife was hardly seventeen years of age, when he married. He was 25. By her he hath 4 children all daughters. He said Daniel Dean's elder brother hath had four wives, the fourth died lately.

Oct. 13 (Sat.). On Monday Oct. 8 was a Convocation at two of the Clock in the afternoon, when Dr. Holmes (President of St. John's College) was continued Vice-Chancellour for the year 1733, being his second year. The Pro vice chancellors are Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brazennose, Dr. Mather, President of Corpus Christi, Dr. Butler, 30 President of Magd. Coll., & Dr. Niblet, Warden of All Souls College.

Mr. John Balle told me on Mon. Oct. 8, 1733, that tho' he be only Bach. of Arts, yet he preached formerly within the Precincts of the University, particularly at Cairfax. I told him 'twas (as it most certainly is) express against the University Statutes.

I am sorry (saith Mr. Baker in his letter of Sept. 27) Mr. Weekes should be an Admirer of Athanasius Kircher, an author that has taken 'as much pains, to little purpose, as perhaps any one that ever wrote; & I verily believe there is no man now living that either has, or will read the tenth part of his works'. See what I have said above 40 Oct. 3.

Oct. 14 (Sun.). Mr. Jonathan Mendy the joyner is forty years old. His father was of White Waltham in Berks.

The Prints tell us that on Tuesday morning Sept. 25 died at Norwich, much lamented, Dr. Edward Snell, Doctor of Physick, and Fellow of Caius College in Cambridge, whose death is the more regretted as he was exceeded by none of his Profession in Learning &

Integrity, and was a gentleman of singular Honour and good Nature. So the Prints. Ask Mr. Baker about him.

The Prints also of Oct. 4 tell us that the week before dyed the Rev. Abraham Francke D.D., rector of West Dean in the county of Wilts which living is the gift of the Duke of Kingston and worth 300 l. per annum. Quere whether this be not the same with Abraham Francke, who some years ago was about an edition of Macrobius, but it never came out, in order to which I lent him a printed copy collated at Bodley by myself, which he kept many years, but after some trouble
 10 I got it restored to me.

On Monday, Oct. 8 died Mrs. Major, wife (she was the second wife) of Mr. George Major in Holywell, after a long lingering illness. Major had no children either by her or his first wife. She being dead, an end is now put to the difference between them, mentioned in vol. 109, p. 45. She was buried at Holywell on Wed. Oct. 10 following. She was 56 years of age. Her husband is 78. Her illness was a cancer in her mouth.

Oct. 15 (Mon.). Mr. Brother in law Daniel Dean told me, in his letter from Wooburn of June 7, 1733. that brother William's widow (now
 20 the wife of Zachary Stiles) lay at that time in with a boy. In the same letter he told me of the death of Henry Page of Bray in Berks, after which his widow (whose maiden name was Wise, and is my mother Edith's own sister) came to live with her daughter Mary. My mother Edith Hearne (her maiden name Edith Wise) hath been dead above 30 years.

From Mr. Loveday Oct. 11, 1733, the following inscription, who then delivered it to me being just come from Caversham near Reading, and going thence to Silchester he told me he met with the stone there. Mr. Loveday saw the stone himself but said it was copied by another. Mr. Loveday's remark, as he gave me it in a scrap of Paper, written with his
 30 own hand is this :—' Silchester. Before Christmas last [1732], as they were grubbing a Crab Tree, which grew upon the slope on the top of the wall, westward of the north gate, they found a rugged mouldring kind of free-stone, with an Inscription, now to be seen at the Parsonage house, but there is a design to remove it to Cambridge. The Minister's servant (a native of Silchester) has several silver and copper coins found here. Last winter two Pavements were discovered within the walls; they were laid upon a bed of sifted gravel. How great the extent of each Pavement may be, is not known; for neither are pursued as far as they will go. Part of both are now to be seen in their natural situation, undisturbed.'¹

40 Oct. 16 (Tu.).

[Two inscriptions from Silchester, one from the Parsonage House recording that it was rebuilt in 1704 by Robert Betham, another from the churchyard above the grave of Robert Betham who died Nov. 20, 1719. Also the inscription from Shiplake Church of Robert Jennings, once master of Abingdon School, who died Feb. 3, 1703, aged 83.]

¹ Hearne gives a reproduction of the inscription, which may be seen in full in *Hants, Victoria County Hist.*, vol. i, p. 280.

Oct 17 (Wed.). Not far from Beaumaris, in the Isle of Anglesey, Llan Vaes was situated, a famous cloister heretofore of the Friars Minors, now the house (by marriage with the daughter of Mr. White) of Mr. John Holland, son of the Rev. Thomas Holland of Berw, who lives at March-wiel by Wrexham. It is still called The Friars. From Mr. Loveday.

Near Anglesey lies an island called *Prestholme* by Camden, but vulgarly Penmon Island. On it are the ruins of a Church Tower, which Mr. Loveday conjectured to be the tower of *Seiriol* Chapel, mentioned in Rowland's *Mona Antiqua Restaurata* p. 189. And he is since confirmed in his opinion, being informed that the Island is called in Welsh *Ynis Seiriol*. 10 No doubt therefore but *Siriolis Priory*, placed by Tanner's *Notitia Monastica* in Caernarvonshire should be transferred to this Island. Indeed the Church of Penmon Priory of Black Canons (which Tanner by mistake places in Caernarvonshire, whereas 'tis really in Anglesey, opposite to *Ynis Seiriol*) is according to Willis (in his Survey of Bangor Cath. p. 282, and in his *Parochiale Anglic.* p. 216) dedicated to St. Seiriol; so that after all 'tis probable that Tanner (following John Speed) has substituted two religious houses for one, namely *Penmon* and *Siriolis*, for *Penmon* only, dedicated to St. Seiriol. This is an observation Mr. Loveday made in his Travells when he went into Ireland this year 1733. 20

Oct. 18 (Thur.). [Description of a gold coin, the property of Mr. Loveday, which Hearne takes to be of the time of James I and issued at Campen, a free city in Over-Issel.]

Oct. 19 (Fri.). The University of Oxford having a right to keep a Court Leet in the Town Hall of the City of Oxford, which however hath been discontinued a great number of years (I am told above fourty years), there was one held on Tuesday Oct. 16, 1733, the following previous notice being first of all given by printed Papers, that were stuck up about: 'Notice is hereby given, that the Court Leet of the Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford, will be held on Tuesday the 30 sixteenth day of October next ensuing the date hereof by nine of the Clock in the forenoon of the same day, at the Guild Hall of the City of Oxford, within the said University, when and where all Persons owing suit and service to the said court are to be present, (signed) Thomas Browne deputy Steward, Sept. 29, 1733.' The City were extremely vexed at this, being always inveterate enemies to the University, and to shew their spite, the Jury consisting of privileged persons and freemen, viz. 13 privileged persons and 12 freemen, they picked out for Jury men on their part such a sett, as, I am told, have hardly ever been seen, for the scandal of their Lives and Conversation, of which great notice was taken. 40

Oct. 20 (Sat.). On Wednesday Oct. 10, 1733, died of a lingring distemper Sir John Stonehouse, of Radley near Abbingdon in Berks, Baronet, aged 64. He was one of the Knights of the Shire for that County several years. He is succeeded in honour & Estate by his eldest

Oct. 17, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 345). Mr. Graves had very little about Eynsham Abbey. Hears that Bp. Tanner is dangerously ill [see Diary, Oct. 25].

son, lately a Gentleman Commoner of St. John's College Oxford. Sir John was a very handsome man. His second Lady (the daughter of Sir Robert Dashwood) is now a widow. Sir John's daughters are all extreme handsome, as I have formerly noted. He was an honest man, and improved his estate much by his skill in husbandry, in which he took great delight. The poor labourers will miss him much, he being a constant employer of such. He was buried among his Ancestors in Radley Church on Wednesday Oct. 17. He died in his new Seat at Radley, being very lately removed into it, tho' the old one there be still standing. This new
 10 Seat was built by Sir John at his own Charges. Sir John, besides the eldest son, hath two other sons, one of which is Commoner of St. John's College, Oxford.

The Number of the Students in both Universities, extracted from a Letter of the Rev. Dr. Warren, Fellow of Trinity Hall in Cambridge to the Rev. Mr. Eden, Fellow of University College, and Proctor of the University of Oxford.

Oxford. The Number of the Masterships, Fellowships, Scholarships & Exhibitions; Also the whole Number of Masters, Fellows, Scholars, Exhibitioners & all Students, whose names were in the Buttery Books in
 20 their respective Colleges about the time of the Publick Act in July 1733.

<i>Colleges and Halls.</i>	<i>Masters.</i>	<i>Fellowships.</i>	<i>Scholarships.</i>	<i>Exhibitioners.</i>	<i>Whole Number of all sorts.</i>
University College	1 Master	12	17	0	94
Balliol	1 Master	12	14	18	140
Merton	1 Warden	Fellps. 12 Chapl. 2	Portionists 14 Clerks 2	0	93
Exeter	1 Rector	23	Bible Clerk 1	3	84
Oriel	1 Provost	18	0	14	68
Queen's	1 Provost	Fellps. 16 M. of Arts on the Found. 8	Taberders 9 Poor Children 16 Clerks 2	circiter 20	134
New College	1 Warden	Fellps. 70 Chapl. 10	Clerks 4	0	113
Lincoln	1 Rector	12	9	20	70
All Souls	1 Warden	Fellps. 40 Chapl. 2	9	0	53
Magdalen	1 President	Fellps. 40 Demish. 30 Chapl. 4	Clerks 8	20	108
Brazen Nose	1 Principal	20	30	4	112
Corpus Christi	1 President	Fellps. 20 Chapl. 2	20	Exhibitions to Clerks 4	58
Christ Church	1 Dean	Canons 8 Students 101	0	circiter 10	247
Trinity	1 President	12	12	2	104
St. John Bapt.	1 President	50	0	0	117
Jesus	1 Principal	19	18	21	155
Wadham	1 Warden	Chapl. 2 Fellps. 15	Clerks 2 Scholarships 15	8	132
Pembroke	1 Master	13	23	0	92

Oxford (*continued*).

<i>Colleges and Halls.</i>	<i>Masters.</i>	<i>Fellowships.</i>	<i>Scholarships.</i>	<i>Exhibitions.</i>	<i>Whole Number of all sorts.</i>
Worcester	1 Provost	6	6	0	24
Alban Hall	1 Principal				1
Hart Hall	1 Principal	0	0	5	27
Edmund Hall	1 Principal	0	0	1	22
St. Mary Hall	1 Principal	0	0	4	24
New Inn Hall	1 Principal	0	0	0	2
Magdalen Hall	1 Principal	0	0	21	33
	25	59 ¹	23 ¹	175	2107

Cambridge. The Number of the Masterships, Fellowships, Scholarships and Exhibitions; also the whole Number of Masters, Fellows, Scholars, Exhibitors & all Students, whose Names were on the Buttery Tables in their respective Colleges on the Commencement Tuesday, July 4, 1727.

<i>Colleges and Halls.</i>	<i>Masters.</i>	<i>Fellowships.</i>	<i>Scholarships.</i>	<i>Exhibitions.</i>	<i>Whole Number of all sorts.</i>
Peter House	1	22	45	0	58 ¹
Clare Hall	1	20	circiter 20	circiter 5	79
Pembroke Hall	1	17	25	5	61
Corpus Christi Coll.	1	12	37	3	46 ¹
Trinity Hall	1	12	14	1	55
Gonville & Caius Coll.	1	26	71	4	100 ¹
King's Coll.	Provost 1	70	0	0	85
Queens Coll.	President 1	20	45	8	64 ¹
Catharine Hall	1	8	circiter 22	circiter 4	41
Jesus Coll.	1	16	36	5	74
Christ's Coll.	1	15	54	18	73 ¹
St. John's Coll.	1	60	circiter 100	circiter 100	351
Magdalen Coll.	1	16	20	6	45
Trinity Coll.	1	60	79	31	227
Emanuel Coll.	1	15	50	37	96
Sidney Sussex Coll.	1	17	44	9	44 ¹
	16	406	662	236	1,499

Trinity Hall, Aug. 14, 1733

I am &c.

William Warren.

The Copy, from whence I took this, was lent me by Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. Oxon. Sat. Oct. 20, 1733. NB. 'Tis a wrong way to take the number of members of any College or Hall in Oxford from the names in the Buttery Books, names standing in the Books very often from year to year after several of the Persons have been gone many years, nay some-

¹ In these six cases, we must assume that some of the fellowships, scholarships, or exhibitions had not been filled up.—Ed.

times they stand after they are dead. The best way is to reckon from the number of such as pay University dues & are subject to University Exercise, such being certainly actually Members of the University, as certainly are also all Heads, Fellows, Chaplains, Scholars, Clerks & Exhibitioners. I suppose the same may be said of Cambridge.

Oct. 21 (Sun.). The University Court Leet was held but one day, being dismissed or dissolved the very day it began, viz. on Tuesday Oct. 16, 1733. The University had a very fine dinner at the King's Head Tavern, at which the Jury were also very handsomely entertained. The
 10 University had not kept a Court Leet before ever since the year 1665, which is much later than what was given out, that there had not been one for above foreshore years, and as others for not above an hundred years. Browne, the Deputy Steward to the Lord Clarendon (High Steward of the University) I understand was many years agoe Gentleman Commoner of Brazennose College.

On Friday Oct. 19, 1733, they began to pull down the Houses at Queen's College on the Eastern part of the south side of that College, in order to erect a new part of that College, Queen Caroline having given them a thousand libs. The Mason is Mr. Townsend, and the Carpenter
 20 Mr. Franklin, who are the same that were employed in the former new Buildings of that College.

Oct. 22 (Mon.). On Friday Oct. 19 last died in St. Peter's in the East work house, Mr. Pocock a fruiterer of that parish. He formerly lived in London, where he had the Plague in the year 1669, after which he was a very healthy man. His wife hath been dead some few years & his daughter (a fine young creature) died many years ago. Both the wife & his said daughter are buried in the church of St. Peter's in the East, & Mr. Pocock himself was buried by them in the said church yesterday. They had lived in great circumstances formerly (no body better) in Oxford,
 30 they having the best of Business with respect to Trade in matters of Fruit. Their House was most nobly furnished with the best of goods, Plate, Linnen &c. His wife was a woman of good reputation, & so was the daughter, but as for Pocock himself, he was notorious for Sodomy, which proved his ruin. For being often prosecuted on that score, it spent all his substance, so that after his wife's death, he came into the workhouse, where he died, being aged (as he said himself) 87; which if so, he must have been born in 1646.

Oct. 23 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Owen, Fellow of All Souls College, told me of a Wickliff's Bible in MS. compleat all but a leaf or two, which
 40 had been cut out. He said 'twas very finely written on vellum, and he wanted to know the price thereof. He said some country gentleman had it, but he did not tell who. I told him having not seen it, I could not very well judge of it. He said he thought it to be written in the time of Henry VI, tho' being not well acquainted with affairs of that kind, he could not pretend to judge.

Oct. 24 (Wed.). The ancients used to value altars, made of rough stones, above those that were finely polished. And this they might in

some degree learn from the Jews, who were commanded to build an altar at Mount Ebal of whole stones, on which no iron instrument was to be lifted, signifying that it should not be curiously wrought. And at the same time the stones on the other side Jordan, on which the Commandments were to be wrote on the Borders of the country, that all might see and read them & might learn that the Israelites served and put their trust in the Lord God, were commanded to be great huge stones & playstered with playster. Deut. XXVII. When I read of these stones, they put me in mind of the large Danish stones, exstant in many places, and even of the great stones among the Greeks and Romans, several of 10 which were rough and had little polishing.

Oct. 24 (Thur.). The Prints tell us that on Tuesday morning Oct. 16, a fire broke out in the stately house of the Duke of Devonshire, in Piccadilly, Westminster, by the carelessness of the workmen, who had been employed all the summer to repair and beautify it at the expense of 40,000 l. [I suppose it should be 4,000 l.] and entirely destroyed it, but his Grace's Library, Cabinet of Rarities, Pictures, Plate and Jewels valued at 100,000 l. were saved. However the damage is computed at 10 or 15,000 l.

I was told also of the same dismal fire in a letter from Mr. West of the 20 17th from the Inner Temple, who added that most of the pictures & medals he heard were saved, and a pretty many of the books, & that it was occasioned by a Joyner's Prentice leaving a pot of glue on the fire.

Oct. 26 (Fri.). Bishop Atterbury to Mr. Pope; from a copy communicated by Mr. Loveday Oct. 25.

[This letter written by Bishop Atterbury at Paris, Nov. 23, 1731, is in print.]

Oct. 28 (Sun.).¹ Dr. Matthew Tindal (it seems) died on Aug. 16 last at ten of the clock in the morning at his lodgings in Cold Bath Fields, London. His will is contested, and is supposed to be forged chiefly by Eustace Budgell Esq. 30

Bp. Tanner told me yesterday, that there is nothing relating to our English or British History in the old MS. of Landaff, which he hath carefully looked over, but what is printed, except it be some things relating to the Welsh Cantreds or Divisions, which however is of too private a nature to be taken notice of by an Historian or by a publisher of our old Historians, whatever it may be proper for one that writes a description of any part of Wales to do. For this reason I am not solicitous about it.

Mr. Somner's Saxon Dictionary was published at Oxford in folio by Subscriptions. It was offered to the Univ. of Oxford anno 1653 to be printed, but they declined it, being not willing to give fourty libs. for the 40 Copy, what was endeavoured to be got for the author Mr. Somner, as may appear by Dr. Ger. Langbaine's letter to Mr. Selden at the end of the Chronicle of Dunstaple, p. 726.

Oct. 27, 1733. H. to Roger Gale (Rawl. 28. 136). Had sent 3 copies of Otterbourne last March to Samuel Gale, his brother. Has received no money, and was told just now that he was dead.

¹ There is no entry for Oct. 27.

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Oct. 29 (Mon.). Dr. Tindall's Will from page 7 of a little 8^{vo} Pamphlett of 23 pages just come out, intit. :—A Copy of the Will of Dr. Matthew Tindal, with an Account of what passed concerning the same, between M^{rs}. Lucy Price, Eustace Budgell, Esq., and Mr. Nicolas Tindal. London, 1733. Price 4^d.

[Extract omitted.]

Oct. 30 (Tu.). Mr. West believes the collections made by Mr. Graves concerning Eynsham Abbey were very few. He believes his son hath none, and as for himself, he says he hath very few. Amongst what
 10 Mr. West hath, is an old deed, with the seals of the Abbat and Convent very fair appendant thereto, of which, if I please, Mr. West will send me a Copy. I shall be glad of it, tho' I think some years ago Mr. Graves had it engraved by Burghers, Mr. Calvert taking care of it. Sure there are other original Charters, that belonged to Mr. Graves; for in the year 1722 he told me, he had got several original charters, as well as copies of other original ones, relating to Eynsham Abbey, to which Abbey his estate belonged, and therefore 'twas very weak in his son, to part with such writings as belonged to it, his father having taken immense pains in procuring them, tho' what M^r West hath the son may at any time have
 20 again; at least if he hath them not again, they are in very good hands & will be put to a good use.

Oct. 31 (Wed.). The Prints tell us that letters from France advise, that his Grace the Duke of Buckingham [who was lately a little while of Queen's Coll. Oxon., but quite left it this last summer] is entred a Voluntier in the French service [the French King having declared war against the Emperor on account of the Polish Affairs] under his uncle the Duke of Berwick, and three fine managed Horses are speedily to be sent on Board for his Grace's use in the Army.

To enquire about St. Petroke particularly, the History about him being
 30 dark. He was a British saint & flourished about 850. He is stiled Bishop and Confessor. He was buried at Bodmin in Cornwall, but in 1177 his body was stole from thence by one Martin a Canon Regular of Bodmin unto the Abbey of St. Mevennus in Lesser Britanny, but was soon brought back again to Bodmin from beyond sea. So Benedictus Abbas, sub anno 1177 MS.; also Roger Hoveden p. 567.

Nov. 1 (Thur.). Mr. Baker does not remember any instances at Cambridge, of persons taking Degrees of Divinity, before they were in Orders, unless Erasmus be an exception, who had his Grace there for Dr. of Divinity 4 or 5 years before he was collated by Archbishop Warham
 40 to the Rectory of Aldyngton in Kent, anno 1511, which he resigned the next year, a Pension being reserved to him, out of that Rectory of 20 libs. per annum, which was equall to an hundred pounds at this day. So Mr. Baker told me in his letter from Cambridge, Oct. 13, 1733.

Nov. 2 (Fri.). The Dutchess of Newcastle (she that wrote so many books) was an extraordinary Lady. Her books are in many of the

Libraries of both Universities of her own gift. They have 'em at St. John's in Cambridge given by herself, for which in her Volume of letters may be seen her Acknowledgments. As she was much celebrated, & very deservedly, so she was no less famous for her great Affection to the Duke her husband, whose life she wrote, & for her loyalty to the King, & for her other Virtues. Several attempted to translate her Works (at least some of them) into Latin, but the Undertaking was never accomplished.

Nov. 3 (Sat.). A Discourse of Foreign War: with an Account of all the Taxations upon this Kingdom, from the Conquest to the End of the Reign of Queen Elizabeth. Also a List of the Confederates from 10 Henry I to the end of the reign of the said Queen, shewing which have proved most beneficial to England. Formerly written by Sir Robert Cotton, Barronet, and now published by Sir John Cotton, Barronet, London, 1690, 8^{vo}. Sir John's Preface of two pages is but indifferent. At the end of this little book is added Sir Rob. Cotton's short view of Henry III's reign; also a little tract called The French Charity.

Nov. 4 (Sun.). Yesterday called upon me with Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. Mr. Baker of Sunninghill in Berks, & staid with me about 2 hours. This Mr. Baker was formerly Gentleman Commoner of Exeter College and hath a son (who went to School to Mr. Hiley at Reading) 20 Gentleman Commoner of Magdalen College. He staid but a little while at Exeter College. He is a Gentleman well versed in the Greek and Latin classicks, and takes great delight in reading them. I understand he hath a fine collection of printed books that way.

Mr. Ward of Warwick (who hath given me a copy of a deed of Walleran Earl of Warwick) wants very much the History of the Kings of England by John Ross, that I published, that he may compare it with an old MS. Chronicle in the hands of an antient gentlewoman at Warwick. There is very little of Walleran in Ross's account of the Earls of Warwick, that I printed at the end of Vita Ricardi II, for which reason this deed is 30 the more valuable. As for Ross's History of the Kings, 'tis extremely scarce, and hard to be met with. Mr. Ward designs to send me some things from their Black Book of Warwick.

Nov. 5 (Mon.). Sir William Bruerton or Brereton Bart. was member of Parliament several times for the county of Chester in the reign of King Charles I. The first time was in the third year of that King's reign, when he was one of those that were zealous for the famous Petition of Right, & shewed himself with others an enemy to the King's Prerogative. He was afterwards very active against the king in the Rebellion. Quaere, whether he were of any University. I do not find him of Oxford. 40 He left behind him in MS. a book, being A Collection of Arguments, Speeches, Debates &c. in that Parliament of K. Charles I, which began in 1627. This Collection now belongs to William Wright of Offerton in Cheshire Esq. who is a worthy Gentleman, who hath lent it to his brother Mr. Henry Wilbraham, M.A., Fellow of Brasnose College, who hath lent it to me.

Nov. 3, 1733. S. Gale to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 321). Has been in the country this summer. Hence the delay in paying for Otterbourne.

There are many things in it, which shew how Sir William was inclined. There are divers materials not so largely taken notice of by Rushworth or others, & yet in those Authors there is enough, if not too much, of that nature, and therefore I have not judged it proper to transcribe from Sir William what is omitted in them, it being but dirty Work, and yet such a task may be proper enough for one, that hereafter shall undertake to make additions to Rushworth &c. Were I to do any such thing, I would rather follow some loyal honest Collector or Author, than such a puritan Rebell as Sir William, who 'tis to be feared hath not given us
 10 faithfull Transcripts, especially of what was spoke by the King. The Book is not of Sir William's own hand writing, there being in it here and there corrections & interlinings by himself, and yet after all there are many lacunae & notorious corruptions in the book.

Nov. 6 (Tu.). Yesterday being the Powder Plot, the Sermon before the University was preached at St. Marie's by Mr. Walwin, Fellow of University College.

I have lately made a stricture upon the works of Athanasius Kircher, as strange, crazy performances, and yet after all his superiors ought more to be wondered at than himself.

20 Mr. Baker tells me, that as their Mr. Allin is a very learned man, so, he dares say, he has more modesty than to think himself equal to our Mr. Allen, who was of Gloucester Hall. In one thing they agree, that as they were qualified for any thing, so they have published little or nothing, unless as Assistants to others.

Mr. James West hath been travelling Scotland lately, tho' he hath not said one word to me as yet on that head, but it hath been hinted to me by Mr. Baker from Lord Oxford.

Sir Robert Cotton quotes Benedictus Abbas in p. 6 of his Book about forraign wars.

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[Extracts omitted.]

Nov. 7 (Wed.). Anno 1628 came out a second edition of Captain John Stevens's History of Taxes, with his name to it, which was not in the former Edition. 'Tis an 8^{vo} book. He takes no notice in that book of Sir Robert Cotton's work on that subject, tho' I presume he made great use of it.

Delivered this morning to Mr. Pococke, grandson of Dr. Pococke, a box of papers, sent for him to me by Mr. Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire, in order to finish Humphry Smith's life of Dr. Pococke.

40 **Nov. 8 (Thur.).** Yesterday one Mr. Anderson, a Scottish man, called upon me. He is a poor man, and seems honest. He was of the University of Aberdeen. He said he took his Degree of M.A. there anno 1694. He said he remembers Mr. Patrick Gordon to have been Professor of Hebrew there. He said the said Mr. Gordon was an excellent Scholar, and that he died lately in the 88th year of his age. Remember to ask Mr. Brome of his age. This Mr. Gordon is the same, that was my schoolmaster (where he taught me my Accidence) at Bray. Mr. Anderson is (as he told me) 65 years old, and travells always on foot, and is a mighty chearfull hearty man.

There were four vacant Fellowships at All Souls College this last All Souls Election. There were many candidates, 13 in all, and I am told four Founder's kinsmen appeared. They have elected three persons, viz. Mr. Lethullier, Gentleman Commoner of Trin. Coll., Mr. Charleton, Gentleman Commoner of Christ Church, & Mr. Leigh Commoner of Brasenose. This Leigh is a Founder's kinsman, being nephew of Dr. Leigh, commonly called Stag Leigh, deceased, late Fellow of All Souls College. The fourth vacancy is not filled up, but is devolved to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the dispute being about Mr. Henchman of Christ Church, who put in his claim as Founder's kinsman. This 19 Henchman is son of Dr. Henchman, a famous Civilian of Doctors Commons.

One Twells (who hath written several things about the Scriptures) will undertake to finish Humphry Smith's Life of Dr. Pocock, as Mr. Pocock told me yesterday and today. This Twells is a Cambridge man. Quære, whether he were not of King's College. He is now a country minister.

Nov. 9 (Fri.). Mr. Rawlins of Pophills is making a collection of all sermons upon Church Musick.

Yesterday the Bodleian speech was spoke by Mr. Allen, M.A. and 20 Student of Christ Church.

Dr. Joseph Smith, Provost of Queen's College, preached a sermon a good while ago upon Church Musick. He hath been asked to print it.

The said Dr. Smith's daughter married Mr. Lamplugh of Queen's, which Lamplugh is related to Mr. Pocock above mentioned.

Nov. 10 (Sat.). To ask Mr. Baker, what character Dr. John Cotta, a physician of Northampton, bore, and what house in Cambridge he was of. As I remember, he wrote about Witchcraft.

Sir Justinian Isham hath a little 4^{to} MS. on paper, which I read over yesterday, being delivered to me by his brother Dr. Euseby Isham, 39 Rector of Lincoln College, being the said Dr. John Cotta's opinion about the death of Sir Euseby Andrew. The Dr. [Cotta] thus intitles it, *My Opinion at the assizes in Northampton, demaunded in Court, touching the poysoning of Sir Euseby Andrew more fully ratified.* Signed John Cotta, and then he adds, *My Evidence in open Court delivered at the Assizes at Northampton & severall times upon commaunde.* At the beginning of this MS. Sir Justinian hath written, *Ant. a Wood makes mention of Dr. Cotta Vol. I p. 438 of Ath. Ox.*

Sir Euseby Andrew descended of a very ancient family, for several generations seated at Charwelton in Northamptonshire, was son to Thomas 40 Andrew Esq., by Mary his wife, daughter of Gregory Isham, and sister to Sir Euseby Isham of Pichely and Braunston in Co. Northt., Knt., which Thomas being Sheriff of Northamptonshire, attended (according to Camden)

Nov. 10, 1733. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 15. 8). 'I find my brother opened your last and satisfied you of his being alive.' His brother sends 3 guineas for the last 3 books.

Nov. 10, 1733. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 285). Sends books [see Diary, Nov. 27].

upon Mary Queen of Scots to her execution at Fotheringhay Castle. Sir Eusebie Andrew married Anne daughter of Sir Richard Knightley of Tanesley by his second Lady, Elizabeth daughter of Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset, Lord Protector, and as appears by the Inquisition post mortem died on the last day of July, 17 Jacob., leaving Edward his son and heir eleven years of age.

Nov. 11 (Sun.). Mr. Baker observes that Mr. John Jones, Curate of Abbat's Ripton in Huntingtonshire, is a very kind, good man; but he saith he doubts, he must forbear lending books into the country.
 10 I suppose Mr. Jones keeps them too long, what Mr. Baker hinted once to me formerly. What books they are Mr. Jones borrows, I know not, but believe they may be such as relate either to divinity, or our Antiquities, Mr. Jones applying himself to both.

Nov. 12 (Mon.). On Friday last died Mr. Hercules Osbaldiston, a Tallow Chandler of Oxford, and one of the Bayliffe's Serjeants of that City. He was buried last night in Holywell churchyard. He was about fourty years of age, & had spent a great deal of money, leading an idle, extravagant Life. He had been for some time Manciple of St. Mary Hall, where he plaid tricks by cheating the Principal Dr. King, who
 20 prosecuted him, & turned him out. Dr. Hudson, Dr. King's predecessor, was the person that made him Manciple of that Hall, & Dr. King continued him, till he found out his cheats. He hath left a widow and children.

Samuel Gale Esq. tells me by letter of the 3rd that the fine Front of the Priory of Dunstaple is still exstant, with the Nave and side Isles of the same, and several antique Inscriptions upon Brass Plates.

Yesterday morning Mr^s. Bean, of the Bear Inn Oxford, was struck with an Apoplexy, & died in the evening, a jolly Woman, about 50 years old. She hath left an husband & nine children, having had about 22 children
 30 in all. [Buried in St. Ebbe's churchyard on Tuesday night immediately following.]

Nov. 13 (Tu.). The wind being very high on Sunday night last, there had like to have been a very dysmal fire, the Wind being south west, at Crabtree Corner by Smith Gate in Oxford. It flamed out & did some damage. The Engine was sent for & good assistance coming, it was happily stopped.

A Treatise of Simony; Wherein is enquired, How far the Practice of Buying and Selling of Presentations, so common in this Kingdom, may come under the Notion of it; by Richard Banner, M.A., Minister
 40 of Marston Chapel in Worcestershire. London, 1716, 8^{vo}, price 6^d in 3 sheets. 'Tis dedicated to Dr. Smalridge, Bishop of Bristol & Dean of Christ Church Oxon. 'Tis a muddy-headed thing. The author, who is now Dr. of Div. and was formerly of University College now and¹ hath done many years lives with his wife, sister of the late Dr. Henry Sacheverel (by whom he hath had several children,

¹ Read as *he for and*, to make sense.—Ed.

a good for nothing Woman) altogether in Oxford in St. Gyles's Parish, officiating no where.

Nov. 14 (Wed.). On Monday last in the afternoon the foundation Stone (a small one) was laid at the new Building, just begun, at the South East end of Queen's College Oxon. with this inscription, as I hear, for I did not see it, CAROLINA REGINA, Nov. 12, 1733.

Mr. Baker observes, that what I said to him of Leicester's Commonwealth being a very common MS. is very true. He hath seen several copies, and hath one of his own, which he saith should have been at my service, if I had not had it already. He is fully satisfied, Parsons was the author, no one, saith he, could write such a spitefull book, besides himself. What Mr. Wood says, that he is not cited for it by Alegambe, is next to nothing; when the Jesuits write Libels, they conceal the authors.

Mr. Collins told me the MS. he gave me, had a Preface once in it, not in any Copy he had ever seen, but that lending the MS. to some one that died, it came back again to him without the Preface. Ask Mr. Baker, whether his MS. hath any such Preface.

Parsons seems from some of his books, to have been (in many respects) a very good man; such things are in them as are not agreeable to the rancour shewed in Leicester's Commonwealth. I say rancour, because tho' many things may be too true therein, yet there is venom appearing in divers places.

Nov. 15 (Thur.). Mr. Jones of Abbat's Ripton desires Mr. Baker to let me know (as Mr. Baker tells me in his letter of the 4th from Cambridge) 'That by an account he has from a friend, not far from Dunstable, there are scarce any remains of the Priory left, neither can he find, there is any tradition worthy notice, subsisting among the Inhabitants of the place, in relation to the Schools of Learning, & other public edifices of note, that formerly have been there.' This Mr. Baker sends in his own words.

Nov. 16 (Fri.). On Wednesday the 7th inst. in the afternoon, the Prince of Orange landed at the Tower of London, where he was received (as the Prints tell us) by the King's [King George's] coaches and those of the Nobility, and conducted thro' the City with loud Acclamations of an infinite number of Spectators; and, on his Arrival about four o'clock at Somerset House, was complimented by most of the Nobility and Foreign Ministers.

Nov. 17 (Sat.). Mr. Baker in his letter of the 4th inst. told me, that that day was their Election for a new Vicechancellor. There was a strong Competition betwixt the Mr of Christ's & Pembroke Hall, but at length the Mr of Pembr. Hall, Dr. Long, was elected.

Mr. Baker at the same time observes that Leicester's Commonwealth (the original Edition) was printed anno 1584, as said in Mr. Rawlinson's Catalogue when sold as such, not anno 1600, as in Mr. Wood. He takes the *Master of Arts of Cambridge*, to be meerly fiction, as usual in Dialogues.

Nov. 18 (Sun.). Dr. Aldrich printed as a New Year's gift Plato's Symposiacks in Greek and Latin. 'Twas done by Mr. Fairfax. But the Dr. died before it was published. So to bear the charges, Charles Aldrich, the Doctor's nephew, was directed to sell them to the members of the College at 5s. a book, but few would take them on that condition, whence it happened, that many were not dispersed, & they are now in sheets in the hands of a bookseller in Oxford, who sells them at 1s. 6d. apiece. About 200 were printed.

Dr. Waterland of Cambridge had Mr. Humphry Smith of Dartmouth's
 10 MS. Life of Dr. Pocock in his hands for about two years, in order to finish it, but returned it to the Reverend Mr. Pocock, grandson of the Dr., excusing himself from doing any thing.

Dr. Atterbury, when Dean of Christ Church, had also had it, and undertook to finish it, but being made Bishop of Rochester and Dean of Westminster, he excused himself on account of multiplicity of Business.

The new Body of Statutes for University College, drawn up by the Master Dr. Cockman, have not been yet confirmed, tho' many journies have been made for it, but at last a reason was given, that by virtue of a late Act of Parliament, they must be in English. Upon which the
 20 Master was put to a fresh Trouble. However he compiled them in English, and yet cannot get them confirmed, nor do I know when 'twill be done.

Nov. 19 (Mon.). Roger Wendover, who flourished in the Reign of K. John, was a faithfull and diligent Historian, as Stowe hath characterized him, according to Pitseus. He wrote *Chronica Sui Temporis*, ending I think anno 1217. But he seems to have been exhausted by Matthew Paris and Matthew Westminster. Yet perhaps so as it might, however, be acceptable, to have the genuine Roger Wendover published, especially since I find him quoted by some without any regard to either of
 30 the Matthews, as well knowing, that 'twould be of greater authority to the Reader, to have him so cited, than to have those that stole from him alledged as vouchers. But this is a matter that must be considered.

Nov. 20 (Tu.). A short View of the Lives of those Illustrious Princes, Henry Duke of Gloucester, and Mary Princess of Orange deceased: late Brother and Sister to his Majesty the KING of Great Brittain. London, 1661, 8^{vo} in 6 sheets and a half. There is a Copper Plate at the beginning, representing the Prince and Princess standing before a Table, on which is a Death's head. The Author was T. Manley. In it are some good things. The author appears to have been
 40 very honest, & he was a piece of a Poet as well as of an Historian. He affects Learning in the book and to shew skill in Philosophy.

Nov. 21 (Wed.). Yesterday Browne Willis Esq. shewed me a silver Groat of one of the Richards. He said it was Richard III, as he guessed by the weight. I give little heed to the weight, but, upon narrowly viewing it, I thought it be Ric. III in reality from the face, one side of which, the right side, as I remember, appeared old and shrivelled.

Mr. Willis said he had no coin of Richard I, nor can I find that he ever saw one.

Mr. Oliver Battely of Christ Church hath several old English Bibles, which he shewed me yesterday.

Mr. Willis told me yesterday that he wished Bishop Tanner, who hath been very ill lately, would, if he died before me, leave his *Notitia Monastica* to be published by me. Mr. Willis was then going to dine with the Bishop. He said the Bishop's wife is 41 or else 42 years of age, that the Bishop had courted her about 15 years. Mr. Willis said he had seen the Bishop's *Notitia*, and that all was finished but Yorkshire. NB. I believe Mr. Willis in his heart rather wishes himself to have Bishop Tanner's *Notitia*, than that it should fall to anyone else. Be that as it will, I am 10 sure I do not desire, nor do I think that the Bishop ever designs any such thing.

Nov. 22 (Thur.). Yesterday Bishop Tanner, now pretty well recovered of his Fever, told me that he was thinking of giving the finishing stroke to his *Notitia Monastica*. He said, that Wales and Yorkshire wanted still to be done, tho' I formerly understood from him, that all but Wales was compleated. He talked about printing Paper, as if he now were in good earnest about putting it to the Press.

The King's Visitatorial Power asserted, Being an Impartial Relation of the late Visitation of St. Mary Magdalen College in Oxford, As likewise an Historical Account of several Visitations of the Universities and particular Colleges, Together with some necessary Remarks upon the King's Authority in Ecclesiastical Causes, according to the Laws and Usages of this Realm, By Nathaniel Johnson, Doctor in Physic, Fellow of his Majesties College of Physicians in London. London, 1688, 4^{to}. It is a very good book, and contains things of excellent note, not only from printed books, but from MSS., particularly from Magd. College Statutes, and from the Paper Office. In pag. 213 notice taken of Thomas Coveney, President of Magdalen College's being expelled in Q. Elizabeth's Visitation of the University anno 1559, for that he was not entred into 30 Orders.

Nov. 23 (Fri.). If I am not mistaken, Dr. Nathaniel Johnston was a Nonjuror. I am sure it appears from his book about the King's Visitatorial Power, that he was loyal to K. James II, and as he was put upon that work by Royal Authority, as I take it, so it was printed at London by *Henry Hills, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, for his Houshold and Chappel; and were to be sold at his Printing-house on the Dutch-side in Black-Fryers.*

The said book is now grown scarce. Mr. Loveday of Magdalen bought his Copy (which he lent me) for 3s. It had been before Mr. R. 40 Vesey's of that College, & before that Anne Johnston's book. It contains 47 sheets and an half.

Nov. 24 (Sat.). [A quotation from Johnston's *Visitatorial Power*, p. 293]

Nov. 22, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 346) [see Diary, Dec. 18, 19]. Mr. Murray asks that Lord Coleraine's name may be removed from the list of H.'s subscribers.

From a Paper called The Weekly Miscellany by Richard Hooker of the Temple Esq., numb. 49 for Nov. 17, 1733.

Hague, 1733. Just published, The Posthumous Works of the late famous Father Hardouin. His Epitaph, written by an eminent Hand, has been transmitted to us, and is as follows:—*Hic jacet hominum παρadoxότατος* | natione Gallus, religione Jesuita, | orbis literati portentum; | Antiquitatis cultor idem, atque deprædator. | Commenta inaudita vigilans somniavit, | Scepticum pie egit; | Credulitate puer, | Audacia juvenis, | Deliriis senex; | Verbo dicam, His jacet HARDVINVS. In English:—Here lies the most paradoxical of
 10 Men, By birth a Frenchman, by religion a Jesuit, The Prodigy of the learned World; the Cultivator, and at the same time the Plunderer of Antiquity. He played the Sceptic piously; was credulous as a Child, Bold as a youth; and Delirious as an old man; In a word, Here lies Father HARDOUIN.

Nov. 25 (Sun.). Mr. Ballard's friend, that communicated to him the inscription on the Ivory Whip handle, at the same time subjoined this note, viz.:—one of William the Conqueror's souldiers name was Gislebert, and had lands in Hertfordshire, was Lord of the Mannor of Standon; and very likely the Donor of the four Mares.

Mr. Ballard knows not, what authority his friend had for saying so,
 20 unless from Sir Henry Chancey's Antiq. of Hertfordshire, which book Mr. Ballard never yet saw.

Nov. 26 (Mon.). [An extract from Johnston's *Visitatorial Power*, p. 337.]

Nov. 27 (Tu.). Yesterday I delivered to the Warwick Carrier (one Watts) for Mr. Ward of Warwick, a little parcel, carriage paid, containing two little old MSS. relating to our English History, in which, however, I found nothing remarkable that I knew not before. And with them I returned likewise to Mr. Ward Bishop Barlow's MS. letter about our English Historians, which Mr. Rawlins lent to Mr. Ward, it being the very same that Mr. Rawlins had lent me before, when he was in Town last
 30 Act, and which I then read over, but Mr. Ward knew not that Mr. Rawlins had lent it me, and therefore he now ventured to send it me. I did not think it worth while to read it a second time.

Nov. 28 (Wed.). Mr. Ballard is strangely pleased with the inscription above mentioned on the Whip handle, for tho' he is not ignorant of the Monks gratitude to their Benefactors in recording them with their donations, not only in books but on painted glass in their windows, on their walls &c., yet this he observes is such an uncommon instance of gratitude, as is rarely to be met with. And is (he thinks) far more

Nov. 25, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 116) [*see* Diary, Jan. 4, 5, 6].

Nov. 26, 1733. John Clarke, bookseller, under the Royal Exchange, Cornhill, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 219). Sends a guinea for John Turvin, Esq., and begs that he may always be a subscriber.

Nov. 27, 1733. Benjamin Howell to H. (Rawl. 15. 89). Sir Thomas Sebright has asked B. H. to collect the volumes due to him; if H. will send them to Mr. Edward Dod, wine merchant, Austin Friars, he shall be paid by him.

worthy of publick notice than many other things of this nature published in the Britannia &c.

Nov. 29 (Thur.). Mr. George Ballard hath been very busy of late, in taking an account of all the churches, monuments, inscriptions &c. in the neighbourhood of Campden. And in things of this nature, he finds a vast number of mistakes in Sir Rob. Atkyns's *Descrip. of Gloucestershire*. He hath made a gross mistake (in which he hath been followed by Bishop Gibson, the authors of the *Mag. Britannia &c.*) in asserting that my Lord Chancellour Fortescue's monument with his Effigies in Ebburton Church was set up by his heir 1677. For tho' it be sure, that in the year 1677 a monument with an inscription, was fixed in the wall on the north side the Chancel, yet that with his Effigies (which is a raised monument of Freestone finely painted in Colours, standing on the north side the Chancel within the Communion Rails) was erected as any Eye may witness by the form of the workmanship immediately after his death.

Nov. 30 (Fri.). The foresaid inscription being for a person of great worth and merit, Mr. Ballard sent me a copy of it, which shall be here transcribed. [Inscription to Sir John Fortescue, Chancellor under Henry VI, erected in 1677 by Robert Fortescue, here omitted.]

Dec. 1 (Sat.). About a fortnight since died the Dutchess of Ormond, a Lady much lamented upon account of her great Liberality, Generosity & Charity. As she had been a very beautiful Woman, so she excelled in all other Accomplishments. It must have been a great trouble to her, not to have seen the Duke of Ormond, her husband, after his being banished, for no other reason but his honesty, so many years, near twenty.

Dec. 2 (Sun.). Yesterday one Nicolls was expelled Magd. College. He was Chorister, and about 17 years of age, but being a vile Wretch, tho' he hath been often severely punished both at Magd. Coll. School & elsewhere (which School, had he behaved himself well, he was to leave, in order to be entered of the College under a Tutor in a very short time, I have heard within about a week) yet he could not be reclaimed, altho' he hath been pardoned time upon time for his wickedness. He is son of Mr. John Nicolls (glazier and victualler) of Blind Pinnock's in Cumnor Parish in the midway between Oxford and Bablake Hith. [NB. Dr. Butler restored him (after he had expelled him) on Mon. Dec. 3 immediately following.]

Dec. 3 (Mon.). On Saturday morning last died in the 38th year of his age Mr. Thomas Spicer, a stout, lusty, personable, jolly man. He was lately a substantial Farmer at Kennington near Abbingdon in Berks, and had a very cleaver woman to his wife, who hath been dead of the small pox five or six years, leaving him two children, a boy and a girl, the girl now about 16 years of age, and the boy about 9. This Thomas Spicer being an extravagant man, spent about 15 hundred librs. soon, and was forced afterwards to take any common ordinary business for a support. Not long ago he was coachman to Sir Charles Browne at Kiddingdon near Woodstock, but staid there but a little while. Then he

became deputy Groom at Magdalen College, but disoblged them, & so came away, & hath since lived in Oxford, working soon for one & soon for another. In St. Clements near Oxford there lives a most vile old whore (now sixty-three years of age) who hath followed that practice, ever since (as she brags herself) she was 12 years old, and was formerly very handsome. She goes by the name of Princess Anne. This Thomas Spicer was very familiar with her, & they lay generally together as man & wife tho' unmarried; but lately there were quarrells between them, he being (as he said) quite weary of such a life, and being for marrying
 10 her, but she declined marriage, saying, she was resolved to dye as she had lived a whore. Friday night last Thomas was at a club (I think at the Wheatsheaf in St. Aldate's parish), and came home to St. Clement's very drunk and went to the princess Anne's bed as usual (she being, it seems, up), and died a little after twelve clock, but she did not discover any thing of it till two clock that morning being Saturday. It was soon noised about & she was taken into Custody by a Constable, but the Coroner sitting in the afternoon, she was freed & cleared, tho' all impartial persons whatsoever give out, that he was most certainly murdered, she having attempted it twice or thrice before, as he said himself, & a day or two before this
 20 thing happend he declared, that she said, she would be the death of him. However she was cleared by the Jury, care being taken, that such a fine whore as she had been, should not come to the Gallows, several persons of great note (several of which are now living in and near Oxford) having made use of her body, one of which is Mr. J. W., formerly Fellow of Magd. College, now a clergyman in the country, who spent a great deal of money upon her. Mr. Spicer was buried today at three clock in the afternoon in St. Clement's churchyard, she (the Princess) being at the charge thereof, as she was of the Coroner's Inquest &c.

Dec. 4 (Tu.). An Theater of Mortality, or the Illustrious Inscriptions extant upon the several monuments, Erected over the dead Bodies, Buried within the Grayfriars Churchyard & other Churches within the City of Edinburgh; Collected by R. Monteith M.A., Edinb. 1704. 8^{vo}.

An Theater of Mortality; or a further Collection of Funeral Inscriptions. By Robert Monteith, Edinb. 1713, 8^{vo}.

Yesterday Mr. Roger Holman of St. Peter's in the East Oxford was chosen (he having first resigned his place of being Common Council man) one of the Bailiffs Serjeants of the City of Oxford, in room of Mr. Hercules Osbaldiston deceased. He had two competitors, one Dod
 40 a Taylor and one Meers a victualler. Mr. Holman had 52 votes, Dod 8 & Meers three.

Dec. 5 (Wed.). In Monteith's foresaid Theater of Mortality are several remarkable things, and 'tis a usefull book. The author was a thorough paced Scotch Presbyterian. He hath shewed good skill in his English Translation of the Epitaphs, but some are untranslated. He hath not used much Judgment in the Collection. The foreign Epitaphs at the end are besides the design, and should have been omitted.

[Extracts from the book, here omitted.]

Dec. 6 (Thur.). T. Hoochkis, rector of Stanton by Highworth in Wilts, wrote concerning the Imputation of Christ's Righteousness in 2 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1675, 1678. I have heard this work commended but I never read it myself. He was sometime M.A. of Corpus Christi College in Cambridge. Ask Mr. Baker about him.

Dec. 7 (Fri.). [Quotations from Monteith's book.]

Dec. 8 (Sat.). From a letter written by Mr. C. H. [Charles Hobson] to Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll. from London Dec. 1, 1733:—The following is an (incorrect) Copy of Lord Pembroke's Remarks on the Tabula Votiva, but 'tis easy to amend this when you revisit 10 Wilton House. ' This of Jupiter with the Eagle in his hand proves the old Greek way of Writing as a Plow goes forward and backward; the Greeks call it *βουστροφῶδον*; there is no other known with a Basso-Releivo, & but one more, which was not removed from the Ruins of Persepolis because very heavy, having a vacant Space besides the Letters. . . . All learned men quote Pausanias, but he nowhere says how the letters were turned, & therefore they could only guess; & Bishop Potter makes the Letters of the lines, which go from the Right, with the Tops downwards; & Sylburgius has the Tops upwards as This, which determines the Manner.

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[The rest of the letter omitted.]

Dec. 9 (Sun.). On Thursday last a Gentleman, a Master of Arts, told me he had resided at Florence three quarters of a year & that the famous Magliabecchi's Library was made a publick Library, being an extraordinary Collection of Books. He said Magliabecchi was originally a Bookbinder, and was not bred up when young to Letters. He told me Lord Pembroke's *βουστροφῶδον* marble had no inscription on it, when it first came to the Earl's Collection. He said this was confidently asserted by a great man [Dr. Richard Mead], and that it had been seen without any Inscription ten years before my Lord 30 had it; as I remember he added too that it was then a plain marble.

This Gentleman called upon me with a little vellom old MS., Dr. Cheyne (son of Dr. Cheyne, late schoolmaster of Winchester) having desired him to shew it me, to know what it was. I soon resolved him, it being nothing but Magna Charta & other statutes. He said the Dr. had another volume of them of the same bigness. There are abundance of MSS. of them, it being very necessary, that there should be variety of copies thereof transcribed before printing. They have been since printed many times.

Dec. 10 (Mon.). The Prints tell us that on Thur. Nov. 29 last the 40 Lord Chancellor [King] resigned the Great Seal, and that Mr. Talbot succeeds to that great Dignity and Trust, and that Mr. Willes is appointed Attorney, and Mr. Ryder Solicitor-General.

Mr. Baker hath lately seen Dr. Grey, and Dr. A.'s long letter to Dr. M., which is most taken up with shewing the time when Father Parsons's book called Leicester's Commonwealth was wrote, not till towards the year 1584 and that he has done effectually; for it appears sufficiently

from internal characters; and that it was wrote and printed that year [1584] appears best from the Original Edition printed 1584, according to Rawlinson's Catalogue. What he says concerning the author is little more than what Mr. Baker is sure I must know already, and so he forbears troubling me with it.

Dec. 11 (Tu.). I am of opinion that the Inscription (I have formerly mentioned) upon the Ivory Whip handle, is not older than Hen. V's time, and that the Gislebert de Novo Castello may have been descended from one of the Gisleberts in William the Conqueror's time. Novum Castellum, I believe, was in France, and that this Gislebert took his Sirname from it.

Dec. 12 (Wed.). Occasional Sermons preached by the most Reverend Father in God, William Sancroft, late Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, With some Remarks of his Life and Conversation; in a letter to a Friend. London, 1694 8^{vo}.

The said Sermons had been printed separately before. There are but three. The first was preached at Westminster, on the first Sunday in Advent, 1660, at the Consecration of John, Bishop of Durham; the second before the King at Whitehall Oct. 10, 1666, being the fast for the
20 Fire of London; the third Nov. 13, 1678, the fast for a blessing upon his Majesty's kingdom; it was before the House of Peers.

The author of the Letter subscribes himself M. M. Quaere who that was. He avoids saying any thing of the Archbishop's deprivation. Page 14 he insinuates as if in a short time many noble fruits of the Archbishop's labours in Divinity would appear. Page 18, he says the Archbishop spent some years in France and Italy amongst the most learned personages that those countries could boast of.

Dec. 13 (Thur.). Dr. Zachary Grey hath written and published a defence of our ancient and modern Historians. Quaere, what else he
30 hath published.

Dec. 14 (Fri.). To enquire what copies of Geffrey of Monmouth Sir Thomas Sebright hath in MS. and of what age. Also what printed copies he hath thereof, and whether Sir Roger Twysden did anything towards an edition of Geffrey. This author hath been printed in Latin several times beyond sea, but was never printed in Latin in England, tho' several times in English.

Dec. 15 (Sat.). [Extract from Johnston's *Visitatorial Power*.]

Dec. 16 (Sun.). When the new Lord Chancellor, Charles Talbot, was Fellow of All Souls College, he was a great companion of Mr. Thomas
40 Dalton's, Fellow of the same College. They were inseparable companions. One 30th of January they went out in the morning, and shot some

Dec. 11, 1733. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 25). 'Is glad to hear B. is studying the inscriptions in churches recommends him to observe 'curious notes relating to their antiquity' after the manner of Weever.

Dec. 16, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 49) [*see* Diary, Jan. 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17].

woodcocks, or at least they procured some woodcocks that morning, & had their heads cut off in the College, & they had the woodcocks drest for their dinner at the usual time of dining in the College by way of ridicule of the day, it being the martyrdome of K. Charles I. This thing made a great noise, & was in the publick news. It now begins to be talked of again upon the promotion of Talbot, but for Dalton, he went into Ireland, and hath been dead some years.

To ask Mr. Constable, whether he ever saw any MS. of Thomas Eccleston, also whether Dr. Nath. Johnston did not (as I take it he did) die a Nonjuror. 10

Dec. 17 (Mon.). The abovesaid Talbot is son of the late Dr. William Talbot, Bishop of Oxford first, and then of Sarum, and afterwards of Durham.

The said Charles is but a mean common Lawyer, but good at Civil Law, & so fit for Chancery business, whereas Sir Peter King (who hath resigned) was not well skilled in Chancery Affairs, tho' a great common Lawyer.

I have noted above, that on Monday the 3rd Mr. Roger Holman was elected Bayliff's Serjeant of the City of Oxford. Tho' he mightily desired that place, & was accordingly honourably elected, yet it seems it was only to get himself out of the Chamber, he being Common Council man, & therefore this day he resigned the Serjeantship, & one Dod (the same I mentioned then) a Taylor, was elected in his room, in opposition to three others that stood. The whole Chamber are angry at Roger, looking upon his resignation as a bite to free himself from the Chamber & the Offices that may attend it.

Dec. 18 (Tu.). I cannot yet learn, who Humphry Dyson was. Nor can my friends (whom I have consulted) find any Memoirs concerning him. Mr. West hath some scarce pieces in English History with his name on the outside and inside, and I have met with several such in Bodley, when I drew up the Bodleian Catalogue. Mr. West hath a notion that he hath heard he was an Officer to the City of London under Fleetwood (a learned man) Recorder, *tempore Eliz.* 30

Dec. 19 (Wed.). I understand that there is not a single Article of the Duke of Devonshire's collection missing by the late fire, when his fine house at London was burnt.

I am also told that Dr. David Wilkins is publishing in folio all the British, Saxon and English councils and synodical Decrees, wherein will be included both Sir Henry Spelman's volumes. I find Archbishop Wake intended this Work, and made Collections for it, near thirty years agoe. I am sure Wilkins was upon it himself in Q. Anne's time, perhaps by the Countenance of Wake, but was then hindered, being not thought to be a proper person. 40

Dec. 17, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 370). Hopes to be with Lord Oxford at Wimpole to-morrow. Sends an inscription [see Diary, May 12]. As to the *βουστροφηδον* inscription, does not find any intelligence that coincides with H.'s. 'If your account be ascertained, 'twill be exceeding proper to undeceive the world.'

Dec. 20 (Thur.). The above mentioned Charles Talbot (a little before he was made Lord Chancellor of England, at which time he was Solicitor General) purchased the late Samuel Mead Esq.'s library (Law books excepted) for eleven hundred guineas.

Dec. 21 (Fri.). Dr. William Percival (who is an Irish Dean) hath published two or three pamphlets, written and printed by him many years ago, relating to the Privileges of the Convocation in Ireland. They are against Dr. Edward Synge. The Controversy was carried on with warmth, and one endeavoured to expose the other. It had been
10 better, if both had been otherwise employed. I am sure Dr. Percival was able to do things in Learning, & I could therefore wish, that his Studies had been turned that way, rather than to politicks.

Dec. 22 (Sat.). Last summer about Act time was at Oxford, one Mr. Cradocke a Clergyman, son of the late Dr. William Cradocke of Magd. College Oxford. He sometimes lodged in Oxford and sometimes at Botley near Oxford. He was in a sort of black coat, & in a letter he wrote to me (which I have not now) he said he was a Nonjuror and in mean Circumstances, and wanted some Relief to carry him to the place of his habitation, which I think is Gloucestershire. He was a Commoner
20 of Magdalen Hall in this University and took the Degree of Bachelor of Arts as a member of that House.

Dec. 23 (Sun.). They are printing at Deventer in Germany the Ecclesiastical and Political History of Deventer, by M. Gerard Dunbar, Secretary of the City of Deventer. The principal church in the City was built by Bernold, the twentieth bishop of Utracht, in anno 1040, as appears by the Epitaph of that Prelate, which for its singularity I shall here insert, as 'tis in the publick Prints.

[Inscription omitted.]

Dec. 24 (Mon.). I have mentioned above (under Nov. 8) the last
30 Election at All Souls College. Three Vacancies were elected into by the College. The fourth came to the Archbishop, who hath put in Mr. Henchman as Founder's Kinsman, but he approved of Mr. Leigh as being also Founder's Kinsman, but he disannulled the Election of Charleton and Lethuillier, as being by the College preferred to Founder's Kinsmen, and after he had elected Henchman, he then restored Charleton and Lethuillier, so the four are Leigh, Henchman, Charleton and Lethuillier.

Mr. John Strype anno 1700 published in 8^{vo} (printed that year at London) some genuine remains of Dr. John Lightfoot, with a very dull, long, heavy Preface, most of it containing scraps about the Assembly of
40 Divines, of which Lightfoot was a member. This Strype had before published Dr. Lightfoot's works in two volumes in folio, with the Doctor's Life prefixed. I do not remember, whether Strype acquaints us, how he came by so many Papers as he hath of Dr. Lightfoot's. Several of what

Dec. 22, 1733. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 122). Fears that his letter of Nov. 4, sent by his son-in-law, did not reach H. Hopes Mr. Pocock has fetched away the box of papers.

he hath printed were only private notes, as they seem to me, and never intended for the publick.

Dec. 25 (Tu.). Colonel Valentine Walton, one of the Judges of K. Charles I, who fled from Justice a little before the restauration, married one of the sisters of Oliver Cromwell, and wrote (as Mr. Jo. Brookland, one of the Theater Printers told me yesterday) an History of the Civil Wars, which is in MS. in the hands of some one related to his family at this time, and that many original letters of Oliver Cromwell are in it. Money (five hundreds libs.) hath been offered (it seems) for the Copy, but 'twill not be parted with, Valentine Walton having (it seems) ordered it to be kept as a secret, and not to be published, fearing (it may be) least abundance of his and others Roguery and Villany may be from thence discovered. His second wife (it seems) died in a mean sorry condition in Oxford, anno 1662, in Cat Street, according to Mr. Wood, but for my part I never heard her mentioned by any Oxford person whatever, and yet she was buried in St. Marie's church. Mr. Brookland abovesaid told me, his brother John Brookland is the person that gave him an account of his MS.

Dec. 26 (Wed.). From Corpus Christi College Oxon Statutes, copied from a paper, lent me by Mr. Caleb Reynolds, Fellow of that College on Tuesday Dec. 11, 1733, he having transcribed it himself.

[Extract from the Statutes omitted.]

Dec. 27 (Thur.). Mr. Jones of Ripton tells Bishop Tanner, he hath lately received another Transcript, besides the Verses I have printed at the end of the Chronicle of Dunstaple, from the old Register of Dunstaple, the Title of which transcript is *Charta foundationis villae de Dunstaple*. He sent an account of it to Mr. Baker of Cambridge, who wrote him word, that there is a paper with the same Title and the same contents in the Monasticon, beginning also and ending with the same words. Mr. Jones knows not, whether this little narrative (for such it is from beginning to end) be the same that Camden hints at, when he speaks of *Historia illa privata &c.* I think it a different thing, but cannot guess what is become of it. Mr. Jones understands by a letter that there are scarce any remains of the old structures belonging to Dunstaple Priory.

Inquire what became of Dr. Edm. Castell's MSS. He had the Samaritan Liturgy, being given him by Archbishop Usher.

Dec. 28 (Fri.). On Wednesday last one Mr. Bentham, a young Master of Arts, put into my hands a Catalogue of some Roman Coins (silver and brass) with a request that I would give him my opinion of them. He said they belonged to a Gentleman (a friend of his) in London,

Dec. 25, 1733. Bp. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 16. 127). 'I suppose you have no Gaude at Edmund Hall this good day, and I dare not venture into our Hall to partake of ours. Therefore if you are not engaged, no person will be more welcome than yourself to a piece of Brawn, a mince py and a dish of meat at my Lodgings between 12 and one of the Clock. I shall have nobody with me, but my wife and son.'

who had a mind to part with them, and that another friend of his (Mr. Bentham's) had a mind to purchase them. Some of them are very good, but 'tis a very incompleat Series, nor do I know of one that is unpublished.¹

Dec. 29 (Sat.).

[A Roman Inscription from the Villa Casali copied from p. 40 of Mr. Mason's Dissertation about the Slaughter of the Children of Bethlehem, at the end of Dr. Chandler, Bishop of Coventry and Litchfield's Vindication of the defence of Christianity.]

- 10 **Dec. 30 (Sun.).** On Thursday Dec. 27 last died of a dropsy Mr. Edward Mace, Mayor's Serjeant of the City of Oxford, who had the character of an honest man.

On Thursday Dec. 20 last Sir William Bowyer of Denham Court near Uxbridge in Bucks Bart. was married at Radley (by Dr. Thompson, Rector of Sunningwell) to Mrs. Anne Stonehouse, a very fine Woman, daughter of the late Sir John Stonehouse Bart., Knight of the Shire for Berks.

- We have an account from Southampton that the fine Steeple of St. Michael's Church, which was rebuilt this summer, was on Sunday
20 morning Dec. 16 last broke in pieces by a violent clap of thunder and lightning, and some of the stones thrown fifty yards from the church. We dont hear of much more Damage being done ; but it was the most violent clap of thunder, accompanied with hailstones of the largest size, known in these parts.

Dec. 31 (Mon.). Mr. Worthington tells me, he fears he shall never be able to tell me, who was the editor of the Catalogue of the Fellows of King's College and Eton College, either as it was printed (near 30 years ago, if he be rightly informed) in a single sheet, or a few years since in a proper volume, both for the bookseller at Eton.

- 30 Dr. Rawlinson hath several times declared to Mr. Worthington (letter to me from London, Sept. 26) that he hath no design of publishing Hatcher's Catalogue. If I should print it (as I am not inclined) who am not a Cambridge man, all Mr. Worthington can say to that matter is this, that they ought surely to be content with such a continuation of the Catalogue as he found about 40 years ago, and he supposes I may have now, viz. without Characters.

- Mr. Worthington likes well my choosing to print the genuine Catalogue (if indeed I should print it) as left by Hatcher and Scot, rather than any interpolated Copy whatsoever. And he believes the College will be well
40 enough pleased to see it continued ; but whether with or without characters, he knows not what to think.

Dr. Strype in his Preface to some Genuine Remains of Dr. Lightfoot tells us (p. xxxv) that the Dr. had but a mean opinion of the Greek Translation of the Bible by the Seventy, as if it were hammered out by the Jews with more Caution than Conscience, more Craft than Sincerity, and done out of Political Ends to themselves.

¹ Hearne then gives a list of 22 silver coins which he values at 30 guineas, and 29 brass at 15 guineas.

Jan. 1 (Tu.). Sir Henry Adkins Bart., some years since nobleman of Magd. Coll. Oxon married one of the daughters of Sir John Stonehouse of Radley in Berks, but he hath been dead several years, she proving so barbarous to him as broke his heart, notwithstanding which she is since married to the Lord Gower (an honest Gentleman) who had been married once before, but his Lady being dead (by whom he had children that are living) he took to his second Lady, widow of Sir Henry Adkins, who had no children by her.

There is newly come out, *Memoirs of the Secret Services of John Macky Esq. during the Reigns of King William, Queen Anne, and King George I, including also The true Secret History of the Rise, Promotion, &c. of the English and Scots Nobility; Officers, Civil, Military, Naval, and others Persons of Distinction, from the Revolution. In their respective Characters at large; Drawn up by M^r. Macky, pursuant to the Direction of Her Royal Highness the Princess Sophia, Published from his Original Manuscript; as attested by his son Spring Macky Esq.; London, Printed in the year 1733.* 8^{vo}, Price 5s., in a large Letter, but it might have been easily brought into a very little compass for 12d. It contains 26 sheets. The Dedication, dated Portsmouth Sept. 20, 1732, by the said Spring Macky to the Prince of Wales (i. e. Frederick). It is a vile, superficial performance, & is stuffed with a very unbecoming account of K. James II & his son the present King whom the author stiles the *pretended Prince of Wales*. It makes both of them utter enemies to their Protestant Subjects, representing them as altogether regardless of all such when they came to St. Germain's, & such only to be countenanced as were Roman Catholicks, which is a most abominable lye, & even what truths are in the book (as there are several) will hardly be believed on the credit of this author and his son, since there is such a great number of lyes throughout, insomuch as one would scarce believe that Bishop Burnet wrote the two Cases of Conscience here printed in the Appendix (the first of Divorce, the second of Polygamy) were they not printed elsewhere by better Vouchers, and had not I and others authentick copies in MS. of them. They were both written in K. Charles II's time, when K. Charles's Queen had not children, and a Divorce was talked of. As vile as they are, they were however inserted by Burnet into the History of his own Times, but suppressed by his son contrary to his father's express will, which is here also printed in the Appendix, tho' it had been printed before. The Publisher tells us in his Preface (dated Sept. 20, 1732) that most of the Characters are inserted by Bishop Burnet in the second and third Volumes of the History of his own Time, which will not as yet see the light, for Reasons his son Thomas could give, if he thought proper. This is the very book taken notice of formerly by me, particularly in Vol. 137, p. 25. In p. LVI Spring Macky hath a letter written by himself to the Editor, as if he himself was not the Editor. The Author had formerly written & published *A view of the Court of St. Germain's, from the year 1690 to 1695, with an Account of the Entertainment Protestants meet with there. directed to the Malecontents Protestants of England*, of which (it seems) M^r. Richard Baldwin, the Printer, sold thirty thousand in 1696. The design of it was to shew the little respect King James had for those Protestants, who followed his fortunes into France. 'Tis reprinted here. Bishop Burnett's

will is likewise printed here, though it had been printed formerly. The author, John Macky Esq. was great with Sir Rob. Walpole, who was extremely generous to him for his secret services, particularly in detecting the Correspondence of the late Archbishop of Rochester Dr. Atterbury. He (John Macky) died at Rotterdam in the year 1726. *The Memorial of his Services* (it seems) was formed anno 1723, after the Lord Sunderland's death, but the Characters seem to have been drawn in 1706.

Jan. 2 (Wed.). Christ Church ten bells being now in very good order, yesterday some select Oxford ringers rang them all for a wager. They
10 were every man of them Townsmen, but had received some considerable instructions from Mr. Stone M.A., a man in Orders, and a good ringer himself, Fellow of Wadham College. The wager was, that they could not ring the 5040 changes (quater or cater changes) upon them. They were to have six tryals, & if upon the sixth tryal they did not do it, they were to loose (*sic*). Yesterday they began, being the first tryal, just as twelve clock, and finished the whole 27 minutes after 3 clock. This is the first time that this number of changes was ever rung in Oxford, the biggest Bell at Christ Church falling down, & the Ropes breaking at New College, when the Londoners rang at both places lately, otherwise the said Lon-
20 doners (who rung at each place above two hours, and never made the least fault) would have done it with the greatest ease imaginable. The Oxford Ringers yesterday made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about 3 quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed 52 faults in their ringing, nine of which were very considerable ones. However take it all together 'twas excellent Ringing and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History & Student of Christ Church, who broke in upon the ringers, to their great
30 disturbance.

Jan. 3 (Thur.). Yesterday Mr. Crynes told me, that the copy of the 39 Articles with the original Subscriptions of 1572 is removed from its place in Selden's Library above Stairs, & those printed by Dr. Rawlinson lately put in its stead, & that the said Copy of Selden is now in a box under lock and key, never to be produced but by the Head Librarian, & that in the presence of the Curators, the matter being so contrived accordingly, there being (it seems) more keys than one. What is the meaning of this, I know not. Inquiry ought to be made.

Jan. 4 (Fri.). Mr. Bentham above mentioned [Dec. 28] was first of
40 Corpus Christi College, being nearly related to Mr. John Burton of that college. From thence he was made Vice-Principal of Magd. Hall & afterwards was chosen Fellow of Oriel College.

I have entertained in divers respects a good opinion of Father Parsons, with respect to some of his books, which I judged to be good and pious in many particulars, tho' his book of the Succession, & some others (the Three Conversions ought to be excepted, which indeed I value) are of very mischievous Consequence, and by no means to be approved of. Mr. Baker cannot (he tells me in his letter of Nov. 25, 1733) come into my opinion

that *Parsons was in many respects a very good man* (I spoke it chiefly with respect to his Christian Directory and his pious Writings). He takes him to have been a cunning knave. He allows indeed that he wrote one very good book, but then he observes that that is said to have been stole (in part) from Granada. He notes that most of the rest are wrote to serve bad ends, and are not consistent with one another, and one or more of 'em knavishly fathered upon the Seculars. Doctor Thomas James hath said much of and against him, to which may be joined what is said farther of him by Mr. H. Foulis, lib. x cap. 1 &c. and more in the Introduction to the Jesuits Memorial, published from K. James's own Copy in 1690, 10 & yet more by the Secular Priests, all which may make one have but a bad opinion of him according to Mr. Baker, which in the main is a just observation enough.

Jan. 5 (Sat.). Mr. Baker's MS. of Rob. Parsons's Leycester's Commonwealth has the Preface, but it is exactly the same with the print, & by the hand the MS. must be modern, & being not correct, 'tis little worth.

Jan. 6 (Sun.). Dr. Edward Snell was a single man, and died Fellow of Caius College, leaving a very fair Character, but not equal to that of Dr. Caius, as some would perswade us. 20

Mr. Leonard Twells (born in Newark, where his father taught a School) was of Jesus College in Cambridge; where he took the Degree of Bach. of Arts, anno 1704, & to the great Reproach of the Church and Nation is not yet Mr of Arts. They are not enabled at Cambridge to send a Diploma to him, but methinks they might do it at Oxford, would it not create a Jealousie in Cambridge, for the service he hath done by his publick writings, and for the honour he is about to do to the University of Oxford, by finishing Mr. Humphry Smith's Life of Dr. Pocock.

Jan. 7 (Mon.). Anno 1718 was printed in folio at London, 'Theatrum Scotiae, containing the Prospects of his Majesty's Castles and Palaces' 30 &c. It contains 58 cutts, which are engraved well, but I find by what I have heard, that there are very many faults in the Representations or Prospects; so that tho' the Engraver hath done his part well, yet the Drawer (whoever he was) hath done otherwise. And as to the Description or reading part contained in 43 pages, 'tis very scanty, jejune & poor, & contains withall several lies, the Author (who he was I know not) being an inveterate enemy of the Chevalier's. In p. 19 he observes that St. Andrew's Cathedral was reckoned the longest in Christendom, being seven foot longer and two broader than St. Peter's in Rome, and was one of the best Gothick structures in the world for its height, beautiful pillars, 40 and the symmetry of the whole. I do not know, but this may be true, but enquire. Page 7, the Castle of Edinburgh was formerly called

Jan. 5, 1733 $\frac{3}{4}$. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 50) [see Diary, Jan. 9, 20, 21, 25]. 'The weather is very severe and our libraries yet shut.'

Jan. 5, 1733 $\frac{3}{4}$. Edward Lye to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 75). Gives H. a MS. book of Cookery [see Diary, Jan. 16, 1734 and Feb. 21, 1735].

Jan. 7, 1733 $\frac{3}{4}$. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 85). Asks what *ludus carparum* is [printed in *Letters from Bodl.* II. 93].

Castrum puellarum, i.e. the Maiden Castle, because as some say, the Kings of the Picts kept their daughters in it while unmarried; but those who understood the ancient Scots or Highland Language, say the words *Ma-eden* signify only a Castle built upon a Hill or Rock. This account of the name is just enough.

Jan. 8 (Tu.). In the year 1691 came out at London in folio *Theatrum Scotiae*, Projected by Captain John Slezer, Surveyour of his Majesty's Stores and Magazines in the Kingdom of Scotland; wherein we have the Prospects of the King's Castles and Palaces &c., all curiously engraven on
10 Copper-Plates. The annexed Descriptions (as is observed by Bishop Nicolson, in p. 26 of his Scottish Historical Library) were written in Latine, in which Language the Undertaker promised to publish them. But, without the Author's privity or any notice taken of him, they were afterwards unaccurately translated into English, and so sent abroad with all their faults. This I take to be the very same book with that above-mentioned, that came out at London in 1718, only, as I take it, this latter is worse than the other edition, as having silly Interpolations in the Descriptions, and containing, I believe, some other changes. 'Tis pity the true genuine work of Capt. Slezer were not published, which would
20 be of better satisfaction to curious & learned men.

Jan. 9 (Wed.). Mr. Baker hath not found Sir William Brereton to be of their University of Cambridge. He hath found enough of his disaffection to the Government. Nor does Mr. Baker remember any thing concerning Abr. Francke.

The 4th November is by Statute the day of the election of a Vice-chancellor of Cambridge, tho' not so proper, when it falls upon a Sunday, as it did this year, notwithstanding which the Vicechancellor was chosen that day.

Yesterday I wrote to Mr. Constable about Thomas Eccleston and
30 Dr. Nathaniel Johnston.

Mr. Baker hath sent me an account I received this morning of a Latin Phalaris's Epistles printed at Oxford in the 297th Olympiad after Christ.¹ Mr. Baker's friend supposes it to be 1484. I take it rather to have been 1485, and even after Henry VII came to the Crown. I do not remember to have met with any account of this book before. Theodorick Rood of Cologne is mentioned as the Printer, as also Thomas Hunte an English man as his Partner, yet Rood anno 1481 printed at Oxford alone. Mr. Wood does not seem to have seen this book.

Jan. 10 (Thur.). Bishop Tanner told me last Monday, that some
40 Master of Arts (he did not tell me his name) was about the Antiquities of that County, & would make use of Peter le Neve's MSS. collections, and that he desired what the Bishop himself had done that way, particularly

Jan. 8, 1734. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 34). Asks the meaning of *ludus carparum*.

¹ See *Early Oxford Press* (O. H. S., no. 29), pp. 4 and 260, where it is shown that only three copies of this book are known.

his account so far as is done (which the Bishop then said was not above half) about the Incumbents of the County in the manner of Newcourt's Repertorium.

Mr. Baker hath given me a long Latin letter from *P. Pelissonius Th. Smithæo*, which he took to be in my late friend Dr. Thomas Smith's own hand, as if copied by him. It is dated *Lutetiae Parisiorum Calend. Martii An. 1655*. But I cannot find it to be the said Doctor's hand. Nor do I think it was wrote to him, but rather to Thomas Smith, who travelled in France and was afterwards Bishop of Carlisle, it agreeing better with his time than with my friend Dr. Thomas Smith's.

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Jan. 11 (Fri.). Mr. Baker observes to me, that Maunsell's Catalogue is a very scarce, and yet a very usefull Book. This observation is very just. I do not remember to have seen more than one Copy, which is that in Bodley, where I used formerly often to consult it. Few of our writers of the affairs of Queen Elizabeth have let it pass, provided they have been able to meet with it. It used to be much set by by Mr. Thomas Rawlinson, as it did likewise by the late Bishop Atterbury, and by Mr. John Bagford, as it does now by Mr. John Murray, as well as by the Earl of Oxford, to say nothing of others. I must remember to ask Dr. Richard Rawlinson, whether he hath a Copy thereof with any Improvements.

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Jan. 12 (Sat.). Mr. Baker would have been glad, Dr. Pocock's Life had been wrote by me, for it will make a very good one. He mentioned this upon account of my telling him, that the finishing Mr. Humfry Smith's Life of Dr. Pocock was proposed to me, but I declined it for many reasons, and then it was proposed to Mr. Twells, who (I suppose) is now upon it. Dr. Thomas Smith wrote & published the Lives of Dr. Huntington and Dr. Bernard in Latin, and he designed (at least 'twas proposed to him) to have done the same for Dr. Pocock, as Mr. Baker also observes to me, but I do not find, that he had got any great store of materials for it, no more than he had for writing in Latin also the Life of Archbishop 30 Laud, but had he lived, he would doubtlessly have laid out for more, being extremely desirous that the Lives of such great men should be done rather in Latin than English, as being in such a language of more generall use, & of greater service to the learned world.

Jan. 13 (Sun.). Mr. Baker in his letter from Cambridge of the 16th tells me, Dr. Nath. Johnston's book of the King's Visitatorial Power, is grounded upon such sure Vouchers, from the Paper Office, that there can be no doubt of the truth of it. He was Mr. Baker's Correspondent, but wrote so bad a hand, that he had less pleasure in his Correspondence.

Mr. Samuel Purchas, according to Mr. Wood, died about 1628, aged 40 51. Inquire of Mr. Baker what house in Cambridge he was of, Mr. Wood knew not. He was a very worthy man, & did great things by his Books of Voyages for the publick service, in printing which, it seems, he suffered much, which is pity. He should have been considered, and, considering the usefullness of his books, care should have been taken that he should have gained, instead of being a looser by them.

'A mysterie of Inyquyte containyd within the heretycall Genealogye of Ponce Pantolabus is here both dysclosed & confuted By Johan Bale, an. MDXLII, Emprynted at Geneva by Michael Wood, 1545, 8^{vo}'. I have

this book by the gift of Thomas Ward of Warwick, Esq. 'Tis very scarce. Ask Mr. John Murray, whether it were ever answered. I suppose if it were, that there may be some other book of Bale's on the same subject. But I am apt to think Ponce Pantolabus did not reply.

Mr. Ward, at the same time, gave me a little MS. in 24^o being an Abridgment of the Rule of St. Francis, which he had formerly lent me, as he had Bale just now mentioned.

'Harrow-on-the-hill was a market towne in the time of Doct. Bordes perigrination as appeareth by a little Treatise of his in writing', Norden
10 of Middlesex p. 13. NB. I have a Transcript by myself of that Treatise which was lent me by Mr. Lambard of Christ Church, who had it of his father upon that account. Ask Mr. Murray, whether he ever met with a copy thereof.

Jan. 14 (Mon.). Dr. Pits, who wrote *de Scriptoribus Britannicis* is commonly charged with downright plagiarism, as if he had stole most unmercifully from Bale, and had never seen John Leland upon the same argument. But for my part, I think this charge is wrong grounded. For I am of opinion, and his editor William Bishop in his epistle Dedicatory confirms my opinion, that he had seen Leland, I cannot say the original,
20 but some Transcript, and that he extracted from thence whatever he found would be of service to him in his work, which is a very good one, preferable, in many respects, to Bale's, tho' in several others Bale's is to be prized before his. Dr. Pits was a man of a much more Christian Temper than Bale, who was of a very rough language, and could hardly write any thing without scurrilities. The said William Bishop was a very learned man himself, and added several things to Pits. Mr. Wood hath an account of him, and tells us he was originally either of Gloucester Hall or else of Lincoln College. After his education beyond sea, he lived many years at three several times (coming over for the sake of pro-
30 moting the Roman Catholick perswasion) in England, & without doubt at such times had opportunity of seeing Leland or at least of procuring a Transcript thereof, which probably he might communicate to his friend Dr. Pits. This William Bishop, who was also Dr. of Div., died at or near London.

Jan. 15 (Tu.). Jo. Cotta was of Trinity College Cambridge, & took his degree of Dr. of Physic at Cambridge anno 1604. He might practice at Northampton, for ought I know, but in Archbishop Tenison's Catalogue of Graduates at Cambridge, it is sayd, he *vixit et obiit Coventriae*. He has wrote the *Infalible true & assured with &c.*, printed at
40 London, 1624, 2^d edit., which I had not patience to read over; and yet he has had so good an opinion of it, as to dedicate it to two Lords Chief Justices, Sir James Ley and Sir Edw. Coke, in two different epistles. So Mr. Baker to me Dec. 16, 1733. This Mr. Baker wrote upon occasion of what I told him of a little MS. mentioned above under Nov. 10.

Jan. 16 (Wed.). Mr. Edw. Lye of Northamptonshire hath drawn

Jan. 16, 1733 $\frac{1}{4}$. Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 16. 82). 'The bearer hereof,

up an Epitome of the Gothick Grammar, but 'tis not (he says) quite finished. He has not only epitomized, but endeavoured in it to improve, Dr. George Hickes. I have just perused it. I have not had an opportunity of shewing it (as Mr. Lye seems to desire) to Bishop Tanner, who hath been ill of late, & is not yet in a condition to read things of this nature. It might be more proper for Mr. Lye to put it into the hands of his own diocesan Dr. Clavering, Bishop of Peterborough, who is a linguist. [I returned it to Mr. Lye by the Northampton Carrier (car. paid 4d.) on Wed. Jan. 23, 1733, with a Catalogue I had of his of some books to be sold].

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Jan. 17 (Thur.). Mr. Baker of Cambridge (who is a very good, as well as a very learned, man, and is my best friend, tho' I am unknown in person to him) tells me in his letter of the 16th of last December, that he hath always thought it a happiness to dye in time, and says of himself that he is really afraid of living too long. He is above seventy, as he told me sometime since. What occasioned him to speak of the happiness of dying in time was, my telling him that Bp Tanner was pretty well recovered of his late illness, upon which he said he was glad to hear of the Bishop's tolerable degree of health, & yet the Bishop having so gross a Body, Mr. Baker doubts (and so do I) that the rest of his Life will be 20 uncomfortable.

Jan. 18 (Fri.). Yesterday Mr. John Gagnier, the French Refugee, called upon me, and told me, that he having been lately very ill, there are not yet more than 20 sheets of his *Abulfeda* printed.

He said, he hath had some years 50 librs. per an. paid him by the Government for teaching Arabick in Oxford, & that this money hath been constantly paid him.

He said that application having been made to Queen Caroline by Colonel Guise in his behalf, that she would encourage his Book, she said she knew not the nature of the book; let Mr. Gagnier send me an 30 account thereof, & it shall be considered, & then care will be taken. Accordingly Mr. Gagnier drew up an account & sent it.

He said Dr. Thomas Hyde's *Historia de religione veterum Persarum* being become very scarce and dear, a new edition is thought of by the heir; I know not who he is, nor did Mr. Gagnier tell me, tho' I asked him more than once. Mr. George Wigan, it seems, mentioned this to Mr. Gagnier, and asked Mr. Gagnier to correct it, which Mr. Gagnier consented to do, proposing himself to make some Additions. Dr. Hyde's MSS. Papers (of some of which there is a Catalogue in the second Ed. of *Athenae Oxon.*) are (as Mr. Gagnier told me) in the King's Library at 40 St. James's, together with a Box containing the Copper Plates the Dr. had got engraved for his books. It seems they were procured of his widow.

Mr. Gagnier is a great acquaintance of Father Courayer's. Father

Count Gyllenberg, being a stranger going to Oxford, hath desired me to recommend him to some person of learning who can direct him in his design to see what is curious with you. I know nobody so proper as yourself, and therefore I hope you will excuse this trouble, in which you will very much oblige your most obedient & most humble servant, Hans Sloane.'

Courayer is a Papist or Roman Catholick in something or other, I know not what, otherwise he quite dissents from the Roman Catholics. He is mightily caressed in England, & Mr. Gagnier said Courayer might have what he would, if he would in every point leave the Roman Catholics. Courayer hath a pension from Q. Carolina or from the Government of two hundred pounds per annum.

Mr. Gagnier took notice that Dr. Grabe was ordained by Dr. Lloyd, Bishop of Worcester, privately upon a day (I think he said upon a Thursday) which was not a Sacrament day, and so he did not receive
 10 the Sacrament, but he promised to come & receive the Sacrament with the Bishop the next Sunday immediately after, but never did. Nor indeed did he ever receive the Sacrament in the common Church of England way, having particular opinions which hindered. He had framed a scheme of his own, and Mr. Gagnier said he had a little, a very little, congregation that came to him, and that he gave them money to come. I cannot tell how true this may be. 'Tis certain he had particular opinions. Mr. Gagnier said he (Grabe) had been once a Roman Catholick but left them in most points for particular reasons, as he did also the Lutherans.
 20 a Lutheran, and in others varied as he saw proper from all other churches; yet I think he died seemingly in the Communion of Dr. Hickes or in the Communion of the Nonjuring Church of England. Yet he never scrupled to go to our publick churches constantly & to joyn in the Prayers, tho' he would never joyn there in the Sacrament.

Jan. 19 (Sat.). Mr. Gagnier at the same time signified, that Dr. David Wilkins, tho' an industrious man, hath but a superficial knowledge in any one Eastern language whatever, notwithstanding he pretends to be versed in, and to understand, them all. He is strangely covetous, and what he does is purely for money. Even his undertaking
 30 the British Councils in IV volumes in folio (of which he hath put out the Contents and Proposals, and a Specimen, in several sheets) is for no other end, but to raise himself a sum of money, & to get other Preferment, & yet he is already very rich, & is well preferred. All observe him to be very perfidious and false, and to be a very great Enemy to the Church of England.

Jan. 20 (Sun.). 'Maunsell's Catalogue I have, much improved from Archbishop Harsnet's copy at Colchester, & more by my own & a friend's hand. It is a book I am often using, but I have left it you by Will, & (I hope) you will not stay for it over long.' So Mr. Baker
 40 in his letter dated Jan. 5.

Sir John de Fenes was one of the nobles that were at the siege of Kaerlauerok in Scotland anno 1300. His Arms was¹ a Lion

Jan. 19, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 347) [see Diary, Feb. 3].

Jan. 19, 1733. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 82). Sends 21 guineas, part in payment for Otterbourne, and part for the forthcoming Annals of Dunstable.

Jan. 20, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 51) [see Diary, Jan. 26, Feb. 1, 2].

¹ Hearne alters *were* to *was*.

rampant sable. See Vol. 133 of these Remarks p. 82. I think I have seen a Lyon Rampant many years ago in one of the windows of the North Isle of White Waltham church in Berks, in which parish the Feens had a seat, now known by the name of Feens.

Jan 21 (Mon.). Mr. Baker hath sent me an account of Juliana Barnes's book in the publick Library at Cambridge, I mean the Book of St. Alban's, which account I have transcribed before my own copy. That as well as mine is imperfect. He designs (when the severity of the weather will permitt) to send me a further account.

Dr. Nat. Johnston was undoubtedly a Nonjuror in the height; he 10 lived in Lord Peterborough's House on the Mill Banck, where Mr. Baker hath visited him. He hath a brother a Priest.

Jan. 22 (Tu.). The Works of Edm. Waller Esq. in Verse and Prose; published by Mr. Fenton, London 1730, 8^{vo}. Dedicated to the Rt. Hon. The Lady Margaret Cavendishe Harley. She is the Daughter of the Lord Oxford. Her bust at the beginning.

E. Fenton the Editor, inquire about him. He seems from his notes (which are numerous) to this work to be a man of learning, particularly in Poetry.

Page 1 of the notes a good account of Edm. Spenser the Poet, who 20 was at most but forty five years old when he dyed. A mistake therefore in his Epitaph, which makes him forty years older than that. This Monument was erected above 30 years after his Death by Stone, master mason to K. Charles I, whose diary is now in possession of Mr. Vertue, from whence the following words are literally transcribed:—'I also mad a monument for Mer. Spencer the Pooett, and set it up at Westmester, for which the Contes of Dorsett payed me 40 l.'. Stone no scholar, tho' admirable in his Art. A mistake that Spenser wrote six books more than we have of his Fairy Queen.

Some suppose Spenser's monument erected in the Reign of Q. Eliz. 30 by the unfortunate Earl of Essex. Nothing to support that opinion, than (*sic*) from Verses under the Print, which is prefixed to one of the Folio Editions of his Works.

'I know (says Fenton) that Cambden says in his history of Queen Elizabeth *Impensis Comitiss Essexiae inhumatus*, by which he could only mean that he was *interred* at that Earl's expense; tho' *inhumatus* in the purest writers of antiquity always bears a quite opposite signification.' Mr. Fenton here shews his ignorance. Pliny, the elder, a pure writer of Latin, hath *inhumatus* for *humatus*.

On Thursday morning last died of the Gout in the Stomach Mr. John 40 Broadstock, the Theater Rolling Press man. He died at his house in Magdalen Parish Oxford. He was buried Saturday night Jan. 19 in the Church of that Parish. He hath left a widow and one child a daughter, not yet married. He was an honest quiet man. He died in the 74th year of his age.

Jan. 23 (Wed.). No book sold better than Burton's *Anatomy of Melancholy*, in which there is great variety of learning, so that it hath been a common-place for filchers. It hath a great many Impressions,

and the bookseller got an Estate by it. But now 'tis disregarded, and a good fair perfect Copy (altho' of the 7th impression) may be purchased for one shilling, well bound, which occasioned a Gentleman yesterday (who observed how many books that were topping books formerly, and were greedily bought up at great prizes (*sic*), were turned to wast paper) to say, that Sir Isaac Newton (he believed) would also in time be turned to wast paper, an observation which is very likely to prove true.

10 Roti, the celebrated graver to King Charles II, was so passionate an admirer of the beautiful Mrs. Stuart, (afterwards Duchess of Richmond) that on the reverse of the best of our coin he delineated the face of *Brittania* from her picture. And in some Medals, where he had more room to display both his art and affection, the similitude of features is said to have been so exact, that every one who knew her Grace, at the first view could discover who sat for *Britannia*. Mr. Fenton in page CLV of his notes upon Waller's Poems. In page CLXIII he hath had one of those Medals engraved. It hath on the obverse CAROLVS · A · CAROLO with K. Charles II's head, & under it 1665; and on the Reverse QVATVOR · MARIA · VINDICO round *Britannia* [viz. the said Countess] sitting on a shield, with a laurell in her right hand and a shield in her
20 left, her left leg naked, and underneath BRITANNIA.

Jan. 24 (Thur.). The names of those Oxford ringers that rang the 5040 changes upon Christ Church ten Bells on New Year's day last are in order as each man rung his Bell

1. Mr. Richard Hearne, a taylor
2. Mr. John Vicars, second Butler of New College
3. Mr. John George, a taylor
4. Mr. Guy Terry, a potash maker in St. Clements
5. Mr. Thomas Yate, second cook of Magd. College
6. Mr. John Broughton, a barber of St. Peter's in the East
- 30 7. Mr. Richard Smith, a glover in St. Peter's in the East
8. William Barnes, second cook of Christ Church
9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd of Holywell, carpenter and bel-hanger
10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, sexton of Christ Church.

The last six bells are what are commonly called Osney Bells, which were in number six, & their names were (as may appear from the Curious Discourses, which I printed) Douce, Clement, Austin, Hautcleir (or Heckstetter), Gabriel, John.

Jan. 25 (Fri.). On the 5th Mr. Baker sent me an account (as he had it from a friend) of a book printed at Oxford, which Mr. Wood
40 seems not to have seen.

[Then follows an account of the book described in *Early Oxford Press*, O. H. S., p. 4; see above Jan. 9.]

Jan. 24, 1733. John Murray to R. (Rawl. 16. 18). Sends subscriptions from Sir William Ellis and Lord Coleraine, but Lord Coleraine's name is not to be printed in the list of subscribers. The books are to be sent to Mr. William Wyatt stationer at 'the Bible' the Corner of King's Gate St. in High Holborn.

Jan. 26 (Sat.). The MSS. of the publick Library at Cambridge are in such confusion that tho' Dr. Middleton turned a heap of Oriental MSS., yet he could meet with nothing from Dr. Castelli; so Mr. Baker can only acquaint me, that by his Will dated 24th of October, 1685, & proved Jan. 8, 1685, he gives all his MSS. in Hebrew, Syriack, Samaritan, Ethiopick, Persian & Arabick to the University Library of Cambridge &c. When the books are sett in order, & they are now removing 'em into the new Apartment, they may possibly hear of 'em. *Mr. Baker, Jan. 20th.*

Jan. 27 (Sun.). From Richard Hooker's Weekly Miscellany, no. 58, for Sat. Jan. 19. 10

[Then follows a Roman inscription taken from *Racolta d' Opuscoli Scientifici e Philologici*, vol. 5, printed at Venice.]

Jan. 28 (Mon.). Mr. Robert Burton, who wrote *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, was greatly acquainted with Mr. John Rowse, Keeper of the Bodleian Library, & Mr. Rowse used him very kindly in furnishing him with such books as he wanted.

Mr. Burton was Librarian (when he was Student) at Christ Church. He looked upon Christ Church Library as a very good one.

He complains much in his Preface of the sixth edition of his *Anatomy of Melancholy* of the dull sale of Latin books, but observes that any thing 20 whatsoever would sell in English.

Mr. Burton was one of the most facetious and pleasant companions of that age, but his Conversation was very innocent. It was the way then to mix a great deal of Latin in discoursing, at which he was wonderfull ready (in the manner his book is wrote) which is now looked upon as pedantry.

Ant. a Wood was a great admirer of Mr. Burton, and of the books he bequeathed to the Bodleian Library, a great many of which were little historical diverting Pamphlets, now grown wonderful scarce, which Mr. Burton used to divert himself with, as he did with other little merry 30 books, of which there are many in his benefaction, one of which is *The History of Tom Thumb*.

Jan. 29 (Tu.). On the 12th inst. being Sat. died the Rev. Mr. Thomas Dalby, Vicar of Sutton Courtney near Abbington in Berks. He died a Batchelor very rich. He was originally of All Souls College where he was clarke. Then he went to Hart Hall, as a member of which he took the degree of M.A., Jan. 19, 1690. He had two brothers, one an Attorney, the other Recorder of Reading, who are both dead. The Attorney was the most ingenious of all the three, but was crazed some time before he died. He (the Attorney) married M^{rs}. Joanna Finch, of 40 Feens in Berks, by whom he had a son, now living, a married man, who bears a very poor character.

Jan. 26, 173³. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 300). Has received the three guineas and will omit Lord Colerane's name, as directed by the Letter of Jan. 24.

Jan. 28, 173³. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 36). Wishes to know when Dr. Nathaniel Johnston died and where he was buried.

Dr. Johnston intended to have given us a View of Yorkshire, and yet had besides (which Mr. Baker hath seen) large Collections in several Folios concerning the Shrewsbury Family. His MSS. came into the hands of some of his name & Family, now in Yorkshire; but they are in so bad a hand, that they will be less valued. Mr. Baker's Letter of Jan. 20th.

Yesterday I wrote again to Mr. Constable about the Dr., tho' I have yet had no answer to what I wrote to him on the 8th.

Jan. 30 (Wed.). Dr. Elias Syddal, Bishop of Gloucester, being dead, 10 the Prints tell us that on Sunday the 20th inst. the Rev. Dr. Rundle, Prebendary of Durham, kissed the King's hand for the said Bishoprick.

Mr. Baker does not know, who the Publisher of Archbishop Sancroft's Sermon (with Remarks of his Life) anno 1694 was, but suspects him to be Richard Tisdale, chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich. Whoever he be, he thinks he had better have let the Sermons alone, which serve only to give a greater Idea of the Archbishop's Successor. What the Archbishop has left besides, is unknown to Mr. Baker, except a *Concio ad Clerum* for the Degree of Bac. of Div., which Degree he took by Connivance, tho' the Covenant was then in force, & he went off upon the 20 Engagement. He has left small notes & observations upon many of his Books, & other Transcripts, which Mr. Baker hath seen, but nothing of his own.

Jan. 31 (Thur.). Yesterday being the Martyrdome of K. Charles I, Dr. Lee, Master of Balliol Coll., preached before the University at St. Marie's.

I wrote today to Mr. Anstis to signifie, that since he had not answered what I wrote long since about a MS. in the Herald's Office about Dun the robber, I suppose there is nothing in it but what is in the Monasticon relating to that affair, for which reason I now desire he would forbear 30 giving himself any trouble on that account, especially so since 'tis now too late for my purpose.

He formerly told me, I might command their *Scala Mundi*, if I desire to inspect it. There are some particulars in it of the latter times that I believe are not noted elsewhere, for which reason I would gladly peruse it, provided it may be sent to me.

Feb. 1 (Fri.). Yesterday one Mr. Williams, an Upholsterer (Brother of Mr. John Williams of the same trade in St. Marie's parish) was chosen without opposition Mayor's Serjeant of the City of Oxford, in room of Mr. Edward Mace deceased.

40 Mr. Baker tells me by letter of Jan. 20 last, that his worthy friend Dr. Zach. Grey has wrote, besides The Defence of our ancient and modern Historians, several little Things, viz. The Ministry of the Dissenters null and void, London, 1725; A Looking Glass for Schismatics &c. London, 1725, 8^{vo}; A Caveat against Benj. Bennet, London,

Jan. 31, 1733. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 349) [see Diary, Feb. 5]. 'I write this at Lord Oxford's, who gives you his service. His Lordship & myself are alone drinking your health.'

1724, 8^{vo}; Another Piece which concerning Dr. B[ently] Mr. Baker believes he does not care to be named for.

Feb. 2 (Sat.). Mr. Baker at the same time told me, that Mr. Strype's last volume of Annals is the last book he has, or is capable of publishing, being of a very advanced age, & his memory decayed. He was born in the year 1643, what day I know not. Mr. Baker told me so upon account I had mentioned to him, that Mr. Strype, as I heard, was upon another volume, & so indeed I was told by Bishop Tanner, who insinuated however that he would not encourage it, he being of opinion that Mr. Strype was superannuated. 10

Feb. 3 (Sun.). The Society of Antiquaries at London have printed two folio Tables of our English Coins since the Conquest. There are several faults in them. Mr. West tells me they were printed from a MS. of Archbishop Sharp's, & so the Society are not answerable for the mistakes.

Mr. West hath talked with Lord Oxford about Lord Pembroke's *Βουστροφηδόν* inscription. He told him (Mr. West), he had good reason to imagine it spurious, that Lord having borrowed from him a Copy of an Inscription sent from Greece, which he kept a considerable time.

Feb. 4 (Mon.). Mr. John Jones, curate of Abbat's Ripton in 20 Huntingdonshire, on the 2nd Oct. last sent me some old verses about Dunstaple, that had been lately sent him from a friend, who transcribed them with care out of an old Register belonging to the Church of Dunstaple. The Author (his friend told him) was sometime Curate of that Place, but in what Reign it does not appear, only the hand bears a great resemblance to that which begins the Register in the year 1558. I have printed them in my Appendix to the Chronicle of Dunstaple, Mr. Jones having given me the liberty to make what use of them I should think proper.

Milliam or Millam Bridge of wood was by Christ Church walks over 30 the Cherwell. Quaere, how long it hath been down. Some have called it Cowley bridge, because it lead (*sic*) to Cowley parish just on the other side the water, where the Dog Kennell is.

Feb. 5 (Tu.). Lord Oxford's Chartulary of Dunstaple belonged formerly to John Cletherow, who lent it in 1714 to John Hare the Herald, who took some little notes from it, which Mr. James West now hath, and hath lent them me, but they are of little or no use. He had them among the papers of Peter le Neve, that fell to his share. Mr. Wanley had the said Chartulary of Cletherow, tho' he hath not told us so, in the said year 1714, and from him it came to the Earl of Oxford. 40

Mr. Clavell told Mr. West on the 30th of last month that he hath a MS. being *Matricula fratrum & sororum Gilde sancti Joannis Baptiste de Dunstaple*.

Grantpont bridge (not Grand poole) at Oxon hath 40 Arches; see Vol. 132, p. 7.

Feb. 5, 1733³. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 52) [see Diary, Feb. 12, 14, 15, 24].

Feb. 5, 1733⁴. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 332) [see Diary, Feb. 8].

Feb. 6 (Wed.). The Koran commonly called The Alcoran of Mohammed, translated into English immediately from the Original Arabic, with Explanatory Notes, taken from the most approved Commentators. To which is prefixed A Preliminary Discourse, by George Sale, Gent., London, 1734, in a large handsome 4^{to}. It is dedicated to the Right Honourable Lord Carteret, one of the Lords of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council. I have been told that Mr. Sale understands Arabic far better than any one now in England. He does not seem to have travelled. He hath certainly shewed great skill in this Performance. His Preliminary Dissertation and his notes are learned and curious. As he had no opportunity of consulting public libraries, the manuscripts of which he made use throughout the whole work were such as he had in his own study, except only the Commentary of Beidawi, and the Gospel of S. Barnabas. The first belongs to the library of the Dutch church in Austin Fryars London, & for the use of it he was chiefly indebted to the reverend Dr. Bolton, one of the ministers of that church; the other was very obligingly lent him by the reverend Dr. Holme, rector of Hedley in Hampshire. I am told Mr. Sale hath printed some other things, but what I know not, unless it be that he had begun & printed about 20 sheets of an Universal History, but desisted, I know not for what reason. Quære, what University he was of, or whether of any. One hath told me that he is a Nonjuror, but Quære.

Feb. 7 (Thur.). [Extracts from Sale's Koran.]

Feb. 8 (Fri.). Mr. West knows nothing of Mr. Clitheroe, to whom Lord Oxford's Chartulary of Dunstaple once belonged, tho' he hath reason to believe, that he had other MSS. and Leiger Books.

Pere Montfaucon in a letter to Monsieur Reynaud dated Oct. 18, 1731, says, that the *βουστροφηδόν* inscriptions are very rare. Mr. West tells me from London the 5th inst. that he hath seen some among those which Abbè Fourmont brought from the Levant for his Majesty, amounting to 3000. At London they observe something peculiar in Lord Pembroke's Lambda like the Hebrew Lamed. The name ΜΑΝΘΕΟΣ, they say, is new; however they do not condemn it. The late Mr. Chishull is more explicit in a letter to Sir Charles Mordaunt; as the Sigæan is the oldest, this they take to be the youngest Greek inscription in the world. They very much suspect the uncommon turn of the proper names *Μανθεος* and *Αιθος*, and are certain that *εὐχαριστεί* is no ancient classical word.

But for my part I see nothing, but what is justifiable in the letters and words, at least I suspect none; *εὐχαριστεί*, as I remember, in the same sense is in Demosthenes. But then there is an objection I cannot get over, which is, that I was told, that the marble was seen about 10 years before it came to Lord Pembroke without either figure or inscription. Mr. West concludes his letter with these words, 'If the whole is not a meer invention, the *βουστροφηδόν* dress is a plain forgery'. But to this I cannot reply, having had no account of the dress.

Feb. 9 (Sat.). Dr. Holmes, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford and President

Feb. 9, 1733. George Ballard to H. (Rawl. 14. 21) [see Diary, Feb. 25, 26].

of St. John's College, hath just printed at the Theater, in a black Letter, upon one side of a broad sheet of paper, the last letter of Sir Thomas White, their founder, to the said College. It is as follows

[Letter omitted.]

Feb. 10 (Sun.). An address to Persons of Quality and Estate, by Robert Nelson Esq., London, 1715, 8^{vo}. 'Tis a posthumous thing. I know not who was the Editor, who hath prefixed a long Premonition. Numb. VI of the Appendix:—*King Charles the First's Vow concerning the restoring Church-Lands.* Dated at Oxford, 13 Apr. 1646.

[Vow omitted.]

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Andrew Borde was born at Boords hill in Holmsdayle in Sussex, and not (as seemed to Mr. Wood, Ath. Oxon. Vol. I, col. 73, ed. 2nd) at Pevensy or Pensey. So we learn from his Peregrination p. 44, MS. penes me.

Feb. 11 (Mon.). Dr. Edward Wells corresponded with Robert Nelson Esq. The last letter the Dr. said he had the happiness to receive from him, was dated Oct. 12, 1714. Mr. Nelson falling ill presently after. Mr. Nelson was a pious, good man and a Nonjuror till the death of Dr. Lloyd, Bp. of Norwich, when with Mr. Dodwell & several others he struck in with the compliers, and acknowledged those to be the 20 orthodox true Bishops, that they had looked upon as Schismatics before. But Dr. Hickes and others continued unshaken, maintaining that case was still the same, the succession being continued by the care the orthodox Bishops had taken of consecrations, and K. James II's son being the true king, and insisting upon the same Rights his father and ancestors had. Mr. Nelson was not much wondered at by Dr. Hickes and his friends for acting thus, since Mr. Nelson had all along spoke generally more honourably of the compliers than of the sufferers, and had written the life of Bp. Bull, that was one of those that always did comply, notwithstanding he were undoubtedly a very great man. 30

Lord Pembroke (as I understand) insinuated, as if his *Βουστροφηδόν* inscription was brought from Persepolis.

Feb. 12 (Tu.). On the 5th Mr. Baker wrote me word that he was then confined to his chair by a dangerous fall.

Mr. Baker does not remember to have seen Jo. Bale's *Mystery of Iniquity*, but the title of it is in Maunsell's Catalogue with the rest of his English works, and 'tis mentioned by Bale himself in his folio book *de Scriptoribus*. In the 2nd part of Maunsell's Catalogue, containing Mathematics and Physic, Mr. Baker met with *Andr. Bourd, Doctor of Phisicke, his Breviarie of health* &c., printed by Tho. East 1587, 4^o; and 40 his *Dietarie of health*. Reprinted by Hugh Jackson, 1576 8^o; but his book of the *Introduction of knowledge*, printed at London in 4^{to} 1542 it seems is not mentioned there, as not falling under that Class, or Divinity.

Feb. 9, 1733. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 53). Letters of Dr. Waterland about Juliana Bernes's book [see Diary, Mar. 9, 1733].

The said Introduction is very scarce. I used often to consult it. There are several pretty things in it relating to Brittain, that I thought once to reprint. They might be taken into the Doctor's Peregrination, which I have in MS., a thing never yet printed.

A such mentioned in Assais Auri, fact. apud Westminster anno 23 Ed. III (which I have in MS. in the north west Press) contained something more than 4 florens or nobles of 6s. 8d. apiece.

Feb. 13 (Wed.). Nic. Upton *de re militari* was published by Sir Edw. Bysshe with other things in folio. I think (for I have not the 10 book) it takes in all that Upton wrote upon the subject of knighthood and armes, & 'tis possible that Sir Edw. hath some remarks about Juliana Barnes, who took many things from Upton.

Feb. 14 (Thur.). Young Nicolls of Magd. Coll., son of Mr. John Nicolls of Blind Pinnocks in the parish of Cumnor in Berks, is now turned quite out of the said Magd. College. This I hear was done about a fortnight since.

The compiler of the Antiquities of Norfolk, that Bishop Tanner told me of, I understand by Mr. Baker (in his letter of Feb. 5, 1733) is one Mr. Francis Blomfield, Art. Bac. of Caius College, & Rector or vicar of 20 a small living in that county, a young man, but has a genius for antiquities, & Mr. Baker believes he will perform well; but printing in parts, tho' he sent Mr. Baker his Proposals, he could not encourage his design, as he otherwise inclined to do.

Mr. Newborough, who was schoolmaster of Eaton, hath published nothing that Mr. Baker knows of.

It is remarkable that formerly (173 years ago) the four aclock bell used to ring in the morning, and the eight aclock one in the evening, which is commonly called coverfeu, at St. Peter's in the Bailey, Oxford; see these remarks vol. 132, p. 22.

30 **Feb. 15 (Fri.).** On Monday last they began to print Verses at the Theater upon the Prince of Orange's marriage with the Princess Anne, he being come over upon that account, & the Nuptials are designed to be celebrated speedily, which had been done sooner, had he not fallen very ill, just before the wedding was to have been, by which illness he was confined, and hath been since at the Bath where he is still.

If you visit Bp. Tanner, I desire (with my humble service) that you will enquire, whether he knows of any more MSS. concerning the Abbey of Bury St. Edmund's, than are already mentioned in his *Notitia Monastica*; or if he can give us any light to an Appropriation of two Portions of the 40 Church of Melford, com. Suffolc., to the Hospital of St. Saviour's, without the North Gate of Bury St. Edmund's by Sampson, Abbot of Bury, in the first year of King John, it would be of great use to a friend in that neighbourhood. Mr. Baker in his Letter to me from St. John's Cambr. Feb. 5.

Feb. 13, 1732. H. to Baker (Rawl. 110. 12). Is sorry for his dangerous fall. Thanks for information about Juliana Bernes and for the particulars from Dr. Waterland.

Before the building of Magd. College Oxon there used to be a great multitude of Fullers & Weavers in Holywell parish.¹ Also the rudera or ruines of South St. Michael's Church were to be seen in Mr. Miles Wyndesore's time. *Coll. nost. MSS.* vol. 132, p. 24.

Feb. 16 (Sat.). Mr. Taylor, the Keeper of the publick Library at Cambridge, told Mr. Baker lately, that he has met with a 2nd edition of Jul. Berner's, alias Barnes's, book about hawking &c., printed 1496, 4^{to}, fair & perfect & illuminated, in Mr. Pepys's Library at Magdalen College there. The first Ed. was printed at St. Alban's in 1486, and they have it with a note or two of Mr. William Burton's own handwriting, to whom the book had belonged, in their publick Library, as they have also another copy thereof in Magd. Coll. Library, but, it seems, there are imperfections in both. That in 1496 was printed at Westminster by Wynkyn de Worde. I think Mr. Murray hath got a copy of this ed. of Wynkyn de Worde's.

Feb. 17 (Sun.). [Description of a coin of Decentius, belonging to Mr. Loveday.]

Feb. 18 (Mon.). From Vol. 132, p. 24, of these Memoirs it appears, according to Miles Windsore, that the following churches were formerly in Oxford, of which there is nothing now:—1. South St. Miles.² There were ruines thereof in Miles Windsore's time. 2. St. Edward's. 3. St. Mil-
dred's. 4. St. George's. 5. St. Marie Osney. 6. The Augustin Friers church. 7. The White Frier's church. It had a very high spire, built of
pix and *bitumen* very strongly, which when it was demolished, the noise of the fall was so great that it terrified the whole city. 8. The Grey Friers church. 9. The Black Friers church. 10. Rewley church. 11. Gloucester church. 12. Stockwell Church. 13. North St. John's Church, where New Coll. and Hart Hall is, in the parish of St. John the Evangelist. 14. St. Botolph's. 15. St. Olave's.³

Memorandum. I wrote today to Cuthbert Constable Esq. desiring to

Feb. 16, 1733³. Bp. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 223) [see Diary, Mar. 7]. 'New Palace Yard, Westminster. The Quære you sent from Mr. Baker, I have answered in a letter to himself as well as I could at this distance from my books. The good old Gent. by treading on his surplice coming from Prayers has had a fall downstairs and was bled upon it; his Friends were much concerned for the event, but the Earl of Oxford told me a day or two since, that he was got perfectly well again. . . . I thank God I bore my journey hither very well, and have been rather better since I came to town than at Oxford, but am obliged to be careful.'

Feb. 16, 1733³. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 350) [see Diary, Mar. 6]. Tho' *εὐχαριστία* is in Polibius and the Marmor Adulitanum, W. always thought *εὐχαριστεῖν* was peculiar to the Greek Testament.

Feb. 17, 1733³. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 235) [see Diary, Mar. 21, 23, 29, Ap. 1, 2].

¹ This is one of Miles Wyndor's statements, and of no value. The weavers were almost extinct in Oxford a hundred years before Magd. Coll. was founded.—ED.

² Hearne means Michael's.—ED.

³ The last four are entirely mythical; Gloucester church, means the chapel of Gloucester College.—ED.

know, when dame Constable of Wasson died. I have her will, but not the day of her death.

Feb. 19 (Tu.). Mr. John Burton of Corpus Christi College hath just printed in folio a Latin Encomium of the late Dr. John Rogers of their College.

- The late Laurence Echard M.A, archdeacon of Stowe and Chaplain to William Wake, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, among other things wrote & published, *The History of the Revolution and the Establishment of England in the year 1688* 8^{vo}. Tho' it be vile enough, shewing that
- 10 Mr. Echard did it to get preferment, & to ingratiate himself, yet it withall is a sufficient proof of the Villanies used to King James II and his Queen & Son, in which Villanies the late Dr. Gilbert Burnet was one of the chief. After they have drove the King out of his Dominions, yea even before he was gone, they voted that he had abdicated his Crown, whereas all he did was by force, as appeared throughout. Abdication is a voluntary act, but the King was so far from resigning, that he insisted upon his Rights to the last, & even in Ireland appeared against his rebellious Subjects with sword in hand, when his son in law, William Prince of Orange, *Angliae Usufructuarius* (as Camden stiles a former usurper king Stephen, p. 186,
- 20 Ed. 8^{vo}) fought against him, and drove him out of Ireland, & would have shot him if he could. From this very piece of Echard, notwithstanding the author was a thorough-paced republican, the monstrous ambition of the Prince of Orange is highly evident, as well as his crafty knavery, & even such as countenanced him were plainly rebels, and whatever fair pretences may be alledged on their behalf, yet 'twill never be accounted for clearly any otherwise than by acknowledging that it was a rebellion (at least in those who violated their oaths to K. James), what however few are willing to own, tho' they think, without doubt, that 'twas so in their hearts.
- 30 The first of Nov. 1688 was a Thursday, yet Echard p. 158 makes the next day, which was Friday, to be Nov. 3rd and yet p. 159 calls Sunday (as it certainly was) the 4th. The said Sunday was the Prince of Orange's birthday, he being born Nov. 4, 1650, and 'twas that day he really landed (notwithstanding what Echard and others say to the contrary), tho' it was ordered not to be observed till (as it hath been observed ever since on) the 5th of Nov., which was then a Monday, for fear it should be forgot unless joyned with the day of observing the Gunpowder Treason, an artifice that many honest men now frequently talk of and abhor.

- Feb. 20 (Wed.).** Notwithstanding what is said above, since, without
- 40 doubt, many good men were drawn into the Revolution, and took Oaths to the Prince and Princess of Orange, notwithstanding those they had taken before to K. James, I would not be so hard upon them, as to brand them for Rogues & Villains, but would think rather very favourably of them, especially since they gave very good reasons for their Proceedings.

Feb. 19, 1731. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 27). Is glad he has met with a picture of Edwin Sandys.

Feb. 20, 1731. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 144) [see Diary, Feb. 27].

Much less would I brand those that took Oaths that could not be said to thwart what they had done before, since they were not bound by former Oaths, having never taken any ; and there is the greater reason to think very well of many of these for this very reason, because tho' they took the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, yet they refused to take the Oath of Abjuration, which was afterwards imposed, & they used to say that they took the Oath of Allegiance in that sense only (a sense indeed, which divers of William's chief Friends said 'twas to be taken in, & William himself did not gainsay) that they would live peaceably and quietly. There is one thing here must not be passed over (what even Mr. Eachard also ¹⁰ observes) that the Prince of Orange promised, when things were a little settled, to have the legitimacy of the birth of the Prince of Wales examined into, and set in a clear light in the Parliament, yet when once he and his Princess were declared King and Queen and K. James turned out, that matter was quite dropt, he being quite afraid to have it canvassed, well knowing, as his Princess likewise d'd, that he was undoubtedly K. James's son, and born of the body of the Queene. Nor is there any body that since that time hardly doubts of it.

Feb. 21 (Thur.). Last week the Organist's house (commonly called *The musick school house*) on the north side of Magd. Coll. at a little distance ²⁰ from the College, just by the water side, being on the west side of the water, was pulled down, on account of the new additional part, that is now erecting of the College.

Feb. 22 (Fri.). Dr. South (as may appear from his Assize Sermon July 24, 1659, printed anno 1660, at Oxford upon Math. 10. 33) was of opinion, that people are not to di-cover their true sentiments in times of persecution, bringing himself off by that Evasion from Independency &c. that many charged upon him.

There were formerly 7 spires in Oxford viz. St. Marie's, All Hallows, St. Frideswyde's, St. Mary Osney, Ruly, the White Fryers, and the ³⁰ Black Fryers. Coll. nost. MSS. vol. 132 p. 25.

There are now in Oxford 4 spires, viz. St. Marie's, All Hallows, St. Frideswyde's and St. Aldate's.

Osney spire might be seen 15 or 16 miles of (*sic*), and in it was a most charming tuneable peal of Bells, for the sake of which abundance of strangers used to come to Oxford. Ibid. p. 25.

At Osney were sometimes held Parliaments & Convocation. Ibid. p. 25.

Feb. 23 (Sat.). Last night called upon me (and staid about an hour with me) Edward Burton of the Middle Temple Esq. He told me, ⁴⁰ Mr. Casley's catalogue of the MSS. in the King's Library is published, but that it does not take in the Cotton Library MSS.

Mr. Burton seemed mighty desirous that Radulphus Niger should be printed. I told him I thought he was taken all into Matthew Paris. Of this I must make inquiry.

Feb. 24 (Sun.). Samuel Purchas B.D. was of St. John's College Cambridge. Upon a Blanc Leaf of the first Volume of his Pilgrim, now

in the College Library, endorsed on the cover with Bishop Williams's paternal Arms & the Arms of his see (viz. Lincoln) is this inscription

[Latin inscription by Purchas omitted; it is incorrectly copied.]

From Mr. Baker, to me from Cambridge, Feb. 5.

Feb. 25 (Mon.). Last Thursday young Jackson (son of Mr. Jackson by the Elm Tree at Ifley) head cook of Brasenose College, who keeps a cook shop in St. Peter's parish in the East Oxford, was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Chaundler of Adderbury near Banbury, he the said young Jackson going over on purpose with his father to Adderbury.

10 There seem to have been three editions of Barclay's Ship of fools, if Mr. Wood informs us rightly that it was printed in 1509, there having been one before, which I have; Mr. George Ballard's, as he guesseth (tho' the Title be wanting and the Date) was printed towards the latter end of Henry VIII's reign.

I told Mr. Ballard, what I thought to be the true reading of the Verulam Urn. A friend of his (he does not tell me his name) thinks the first part of the inscription may mean MARCVS VLPIVS MAGISTER.

Feb. 26 (Tu.). This day I wrote to the Earl of Oxon signifying that I had this day returned two of the three MSS. he lent me, viz. The old
20 Chartulary of the Priory of Dunstaple and Mr. Wanley's Transcript of the Chronicle of the same Priory. I also told him, that in about three weeks time I shall send him printed copies of the said Chronicle, and of some Excerpta I made from the Chartulary. I likewise told him that I am now printing Benedictus Abbas (which is the third MS. he lent me with the other two) and that tho' I have quite transcribed Benedictus, yet with his Lordship's leave I should keep him still by me, for fear any doubts may arise as I am printing him.

At the same time I told him that now my Transcript of Benedictus is finished, I must set upon transcribing some other MS. which I think
30 may be John Beaver's Chronicle, which I therefore humbly desired his Lordship to lend me forthwith, that in the Cotton Library (Vitellius E. xvii. 4) being burnt to a crust. His Lordship hath many other MSS. of our old History worth publishing, but what they are I know not. I hoped (as I told his Lordship) ere this to have had a short note of them, or at least of a few of them.

Mr. Ballard in his rambles lately met with an original picture of Edwin Sandys, archbishop of York, which discovers him to have been a man

Feb. 25, 1734. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 286). 'It is so long since I heard from you last, I fear you have forgot me.'

Feb. 25, 1734. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 178) [see Diary, Ap. 8, 9]. 'The excellent preface by Mr. Cassley, under-librarian of Cotton and the Royal Libraries, gives excellent rules for the finding out the ages of MSS. and such as with a very small matter of application will hardly fail of success. He has given us 150 specimens of characters on copper, and has printed not above 100 copies, 12 large and 88 small paper, at two guineas and one guinea each, which he disposes of himself. Our friend Mr. West was a considerable encourager of this work.'

of a very Reverend and Venerable aspect, his hair of a light brown, grey eyed, ruddy of complexion &c.

Feb. 27 (Wed.). Beaupré Bell jun. Esq. tells me in his letter of the 20th inst. from Beaupré Hall in Norfolk that a friend of his, whose Learning and Candor he hath often experienced, has spent some time in a College of Secular Priests in Kent, & nearly finished a life of the Founder John Kemp, Cardinal & Archbishop who flourished under Henry VI, but is in distress for a particular or two from Oxford, & believing I can easily remove the difficulty, begs leave to consult me on the occasion, which Mr. Bell says if I please to permit, will be of singular service to him, & shall, he says, be acknowledged a Favour done to himself (i. e. Mr. Bell).

In answer to which, I told Mr. Bell by letter today, that I shall be very willing to solve any Gentleman's difficulties in a point of learning, so far as I am able, but that having no access to records, I fear I cannot assist his friend. However, if he pleases he may propose his Queries, which I will consider of.

Feb. 28 (Thur.). The Prince of Orange having left Bath & been at Bristol & Marlborough, he lay at Newbury on Tuesday night last Feb. 26, and yesterday being Ashwednesday, at half an hour after 5 a clock in the afternoon he came to Oxford, & a great entertainment was made for him at Christ Church, where he lay the night, there being great ringing of bells & illuminations all over the Town upon that occasion.

Mar. 1 (Fri.). Yesterday morning the Prince of Orange was at Christ Church prayers at 10 Clock in the morning, which done he went to Woodstock, and returned at half hour after four in the afternoon, and went to the Council Chamber of the City, where a short speech was made to him by the Recorder, and so he went to his lodgings at Christ Church, where was an entertainment for him, and there he lay all night. There were illuminations again that night all over Oxford, and great ringing of Bells.

Mar. 2 (Sat.). Yesterday morning at 10 Clock the Prince of Orange was created Doctor of Civil Law in a Convocation held in the Theatre, at which (as I have been told, for I never wagged out all the while he was here to see him, tho' I walked yesterday into the Country) was

Feb. 27, 1733³/₄. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88, 37). Has no doubt that Dr. Nathaniel Johnston transcribed much from the Dods-worth MSS. now in the Bodleian. 'I am glad Mr. Smith of Melsonby has such an ingenious young assistant, who is so virtuous and modest, and so well skilled in Greek and Latin. I thought she might have been his own daughter, only the circumstances you mention do not agree. He was married 11 or 12 years before he was put out of his Fellowship of University College, which was declared vacant purely upon account of his marriage. His wife was (perhaps she is still living) Mrs. Langbaine, widow of Mr. Gerald Langbaine Esq., Beadle of Law in this University. Mr. Smith is said to have had several children by her, while he was Fellow.' Sends an Advertisement of the Proposal to print *Benedictus*.

Feb. 28, 1733³/₄. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 360) [see Diary, Mar. 3].

a prodigious concourse of People, as there hath indeed been such a concourse all the time he was at Oxford. After this he went to see the Library, Museum, All Souls, Queen's, University and New Colleges, and so about 3 Clock went with the Vice-Chancellour Dr. Holmes to dinner at St. John's College, and in the Evening returned to his lodgings at Christ Church. The illuminations every where last night (it being also Queen Carolina's birthday) were at least twice as many as they had been before. The Prince was created Dr. after the same manner as the old Prince of Orange (afterwards K. of England) was in 1670,
 10 of which Mr. Wood hath given an account in the IInd Vol. of his *Athenae & Fasti Oxon.* But notwithstanding this amazing rejoicing yesterday, the ringing was not so much as 'twas the day before.

Mar. 3 (Sun.). Yesterday morning the Prince of Orange between 8 and nine Clock left Oxford, going over Magdalen College Bridge, and so going Henley Road by Dorchester. Dr. Holmes Vice-Chancellour of the University thinks of getting great favour at Court by inviting the Prince thither, and by shewing such profound reverence to him. 'Tis
 20 observed, however, that tho' there was such a conflux of people at Oxford and at the Theater upon this occasion, there were no persons of distinction that came to shew their respects out of the Country.

Lord Oxford in his letter to me, from Dover Street Westminster Feb. 28 last, tells me that the day before he received my letter, and also the parcel containing two MSS. he lent me. He desires I will keep the other MS. (being *Benedictus Abbas*) as long as it is of any use to me.

He says, he will look for John Bever's chronicle, and send it as soon as he can.

This author Beaver is spoke of by several as an Historian of good note and credit, and it might therefore be very proper to publish him. I never yet had an opportunity of reading him. He is called by Josseline (Catal.
 30 *Historicorum* at the end of Rob. de Avesbury) *Joannes Riberius*, without doubt for *Joannes Biberius*. Josseline stiles his book *historia insignis*.

Mar. 4. (Mon.). Mr. Rawlins is very solicitous about Mr. Twells of Marlborough's quick dispatch of Dr. Pocock's life.

Dr. Tanner answered Mr. Baker's Quære (mentioned above under Feb. 15) in a letter from London to himself, as well as he could at that distance from his Papers, which are at Oxford.

A second part of Bp. Burnett's modern History is just come out, not so full of scandal (Bp. Tanner tells me) as was expected.

Remember to desire Mr. Baker, or else Mr. West, to send me what
 40 Mr. Tyrrell hath said about *Benedictus Abbas*.

Sir William Temple was most certainly a most ingenious man, but he had little or no religion, and I have had it from good hands, that he committed incest with his own sister.

Mar. 5 (Tu.). Mr. Foxley of Brasenose College (he that was Proctor

Mar. 4, 1733. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 146) [see Diary, Ap. 15].

Mar. 5, 1733. Rev. John Hotchkyn to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 403). Never

lately) told me yesterday of a chalybeat water, that was about three weeks since (or something more) discovered in Cornbury Park in Oxfordshire.

On the 30th of Jan. last Dr. Sherlock, Bishop of Bangor, preached before the House of Lords; Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall, preached before the House of Commons; and Mr. Moody before the Lord Mayor, Court of Aldermen, and Sheriffs. They are all three printed.

From the Mercury for Mond. Feb. 4 :—

Mr. Henchman, son of Dr. Henchman, Chancellor of London, is admitted a Fellow of All Souls College in Oxford. 10

Mar. 6 (Wed.). Mr. West tells me (Feb. 16) that he had just heard from Mr. Drake, who told him, Joshua Stopford M.A. was made Rector of Allhallows in York anno 1662 and Vicar of St. Martin's in the same 1666. He died anno 1674, but which church he was buried in, doth not appear, there being no monument or inscription in either.

Mr. West is promised a true Copy of Lord Pembroke's *Βουστροφῆδον* inscription, which with what he could obtain farther, he said in that letter he would forthwith send me.

Mar. 7 (Thur.). On Tuesday morning, Mar. 5, died of the Dropsy Mr. Philip Vaughan, B.D., Rector of Sanderton in Bucks and Vicar 20 of Basseldon in Berks. He died at Basseldon, where he lived with his wife (now a Widow) to whom he hath not been married a great while. He was a man of good character.

Bishop Tanner (in his Letter from London, Feb. 16, 1733) tells me, that he finds Benedictus Abbas was first Prior of Canterbury, and after that of Peterburgh, and that he had formerly seen in the Cotton Library *Julius A. xi. 4*, his history of K. Henry II of which Dr. Smith gives so large encomium in his Catalogue. He took notice that he was the most particular of any he had met with concerning the death of Thomas Becket, and has at the end an old Picture of the murder of the Arch-30 bishop, and this he takes to be the foundation of Leland, Bale & Pits's ascribing to him the Life of Becket, unless by it they mean that share which he had in the *Quadrilogus*.

He says likewise that there was also in the Cotton Library a Chronicle from 1170 to the death of Ric. I ascribed to this Benedict, but, as he remembers, 'twas imperfect, and must be continued by another hand, for Benedict died at least 6 years before Ric. I. Mr. Wood (*Hist. & Antiq. Oxon. Tom. I. 58*) is also (saith Tanner) mistaken, when he makes him flourish A.D. 1202, whereas he died 1193.

Mar. 8 (Fri.). Some Observations made in Travelling through 40

received his copy of Otterbourne; sends a guinea for Benedictus Abbas; has left Kibworth and now lives at Uppingham.

Mar. 5, 173². Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 14. 42). Asks that the Chronicle of Dunstable may be sent to Worcester, as before.

Mar. 7, 173². Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 362). Sends John Bever's chronicle. 'Why will you not come to London & see your friends, and see what MSS. and papers are here and in other Libraries that are worth printing.'

France, Italy &c. in the year 1720, 1721, 1722. By Edward Wright Esq., in two volumes; London, 1730, 4^{to}. Dedicated to the Rt. Hon. George Lord Parker, Viscount of Ewelme &c. with whom Wright travelled. 'Tis a very poor, meagre performance, some of the observations being full as bad as, if not worse than, Tom Coryat's. He is very full of his notes about Pictures, so that one would think, that he had went purposely to take a Catalogue of Pictures, but as for any substantial Remarks with respect to Learning, there are very few. He seems to have known nothing of MSS., and therefore to have inquired nothing about them, 10 for which reason he hath taken notice of but 3 or 4 only, and those of but very little consequence. Nor are his remarks about ancient Marbles of any value, unless he happens (as he frequently does) to transcribe other authors. Nor hath he one learned or judicious note about ancient Coins, which indeed he hath as it were intirely passed over. In short 'tis a very slight work, which therefore Wright says is chiefly owing to my Lord Parker himself, a very weak man and stiled by some a natural,¹ who it seems put down notes as he went along, but all to be sure by Wright's direction, and tho' Wright passes this as a compliment to my Lord, yet all will ascribe the whole to Wright himself.

20 **Mar. 9 (Sat.).** Caesarea, or an Account of Jersey, the greatest of the Islands remaining to the Crown of England of the ancient Dutchy of Normandy; the second edition revised and much augmented, by Philip Falle, sometime Rector of St. Saviour's and Deputy from the States of the Island to their Majesties King William and Queen Mary; London, 1734, 8^{vo}. Tho' the Writer, Mr. Fall, be a thorough Williamite (for he is still living, as it seems, in Hartfordshire, being a very old man) yet there are a great many very good observations in this Book. But then the original Author was John Poingdestre, or Poindextre, Esq., formerly Fellow of Exeter College Oxon, as Mr. Fall himself acknowledgeth, and 30 I wish Mr. Fall had given Mr. Poindextre's book as he left it, and separated his own observations from his.

He frequently quotes a MS. Chronicle of Jersey, which consists of a great many Chapters, but it seems 'tis in French.

King Charles II was a considerable time in the Isle of Jersey, where he became acquainted with all the Parts of it, and used to visit the little Gentry there of himself, & would never disdain their invitations, of which he had frequent offers, as he rid about the Island. And having some skill in the Mathematicks, he drew a Map of the Island with his own hand, which is now in the Cabinet of Curiosities of the Heer Van Adlershelm at 40 Leipsic in Saxony, where it is shewn to Travellers. p. 107.

[Other quotations from the book.]

Mar. 9, 1734. Rev. Thomas Girdler to H. (Rawl. 15. 31). Has had an ague and fever. Will subscribe for Benedictus. Informs H. that 'at the posthouse they charge your printed Advertisement with 3d., the price of a distinct letter.'

¹ He became Chancellor of the University.—ED.

Mar. 10 (Sun.). What we commonly say as merry as a grig, perhaps should be as merry as a Greek.¹ Levium Graecorum mentio apud antiquos scriptores; et quidem ipse Tullius in oratione pro L. Flacco levitatem Graecorum propriam esse monuit.

On the 7th inst. Lord Oxford sent me the Chronicle of John Bever. He lends it me at my request, and says he will lend me any book he hath, and wonders I will not go to London and see my friends, & see what MSS. and papers are there and in other Libraries, that are worth printing.

I could give several reasons for my not going either to London or other 10 places, which however I did not trouble his Lordship with; among others, 'tis probable I might receive a much better welcome than I deserve, or is suitable to one that so much desires & seeks a private humble life, without the least pomp or grandeur.

I received the said MS. yesterday, being the 9th. There are other things in the MS. (which is in folio) besides Bever that are worth taking notice of, viz. (1) Dares Phrygius, (2) Martinus Polonus's Chronicle, (3) John Merelynych, monk of Glastonbury's additions to Martinus Polonus. In the Martinus is the ridiculous, fabulous story (for such it is certainly) about a woman Pope, tho' other very good MSS. (in that 20 respect preferable to this) want it, as Dr. Cave hath observed.

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Mar. 11, 1733 (Mon.). Dr. William Baker of Cambridge's executor is his brother the Rev. Mr. Thomas Baker at the Cloyster in Westminster. So Mr. Baker my friend from Cambridge Mar. 5, 1733.

My said friend hath turned Nic. Upton's book *De re militari* with Sir Edw. Bysshe's notes, but can meet with nothing concerning Jul. Barnes, as might reasonably have been expected, from an Editor of Upton. This he did on my account, I having not the Book, tho' 'tis not scarce.

Mr. George Sale's new translation of the Alcoran was mentioned lately 30 by me, and his translation seems to be good enough, tho' for want of skill in Arabick, I durst not pretend to make a judgment. He has by allegorizing & explaining, put a pretty plausible color upon several particulars, which otherwise would seem ridiculous. Mr. Baker knows nothing of Mr. Sale, who seems to him to have said more for Mohamed, than he could have said for himself. I think a bare translation had been sufficient. Nor can I see with what good design Mr. Sale hath published him with such Glosses, unless it be to make people in love with this Impostor. A bare translation would have sufficiently exposed the fictions & silly empty inventions of Mohamed, on purpose to delude the world. 40 But there are others that endeavour to bring the Alcoran into reputation.

Mar. 11, 1733¹. Seymour Cholmondeley to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 215). Has written to have the book sent for [see Diary, Sept. 25].

¹ *N. E. D.* recognizes both *merry Greek* and *merry grig* (cricket).—ED.

I am sure the late Dr. Sike, Arabick¹ Professor of Cambridge, who hanged himself, did so, and so did Mr. Obadiah Oddy, who however understood little or nothing of Arabick (in which Dr. Sike was a great master) tho' very well skilled in Greek. This Oddy threw himself out of a window at London, & so was killed. Dr. Sike was a wonderful civil good-natured man in conversation, & very free without any the least melancholly, and all were amazed when they heard he had hanged himself. I knew him, and have been often in his company here at Oxford, when he studied with the late Mr. Joshua Barnes at the Bodleian Library.
 10 His admiring the Alcoran brought down upon him that sad Disaster.

Mar. 12 (Tu.). Dr. Rawlinson having some time since lent me 3 MSS., the first whereof was a Catalogue of the MSS. which Archbishop Laud gave to the Bodleian Library, the second an Account (most in Latin Verse) of the Archbishops of York, the third an account in English of our English Affairs, particularly of Yorkshire (but very imperfect, many leaves being torn out, and very meagre) I returned them all three this day to him by Godfrey's waggon, car. paid.

The Judges for Lent Assizes at Oxford came into Town on Saturday evening last, Mar. 9, from Reading. The next day, being Sunday, two
 20 Preachers before the University (one Mr. Hutchinson of Hart Hall at St. Marie's, and the other Dr. Tovey, Principal of New Inn Hall at St. Peter's) were appointed, and Mr. Edward Wilson of Balliol College was appointed to preach the next day being Monday at St. Marie's, before the Judges, who were Justice Reeves and Baron Thompson (who is Recorder of London) but the Judges desired, that the Assize Sermon might be on Sunday morning, which was accordingly, Mr. Wilson preaching it, and Hutchinson excused, and the next day (viz. Monday) there was no Sermon.

Mar. 13 (Wed.). Mr. Echard (who wrote the History of England)
 30 died at Lincoln in Aug. or Sept. 1729 (at his Visitation as Archdeacon of Stow) & I presume was buried there. So Mr. Baker from Cambridge, Mar. 5.

Yesterday in the afternoon the Judges went from Oxford between 4 & 5 Clock. Justice Reeves went for Gloucester, whither Baron Thompson was also to have went with him, but he returned for London, an Express coming to him to go back thither forthwith, to be present (as 'tis said) at the Prince of Orange's approaching wedding.

Mar. 14 (Thur.). The Speech, which Mr. Serjeant Skinner spoke to the Prince of Orange on Feb. 28 last, not as the News Papers on

Mar. 12, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 86). Sends the printed prospectus, dated Feb. 26, of the completion of Annals of Dunstaple and the commencement of Benedictus Abbas. 'There were vast doings during the visit of the Prince of Orange, as much perhaps as ever were for any Prince.' Wishes to know the date of Mr. Goudy's death.

Mar. 14, 1734. E. P. Gwyn to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 338) [see Diary, May 5].

¹ He was Professor of Hebrew, not of Arabic.—Ed.

Fri. Mar. 1, in the Council Chamber is printed in the said News Papers as follows :

Sir,

Permit me in the name of the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of this Ancient and Loyal City, to express a Satisfaction in the Presence of a Prince of that Illustrious House, to whom this Place in particular must acknowledge many, and Those signal, Obligations. That our Religion remains Pure, and this Fountain of Learning undisturbed, is owing to that Prince whose Name and whose Lineage you boast.

Suffer us, in humble style, to return our Thanks for your Gracious Presence ¹⁰ in this our City ; but receive Honour and Praise equal to your Merit, from that Learned Body amongst whom we reside.

Give therefore some Leisure to the Muses, and then, Great Sir, return with established Health and Vigour. Hymen attends you with his Torch ; may you be met with equal Love and equal Ardour, and from this Auspicious Match may some future Prince arise, who shall continue down his Hereditary Love to this Nation, and who shall transmit the Virtues of his Illustrious Parents to that Period, when Time, when Monarchy, with Liberty and the great Patrons of it, shall together cease.

His Highness was pleased to return a kind Answer, and to drink Prosperity ²⁰ to the City.

At the same time the Prince, Sir Clement Cottrell, and several other Gentlemen attending his Highness, were presented with their Freedoms in Silver Boxes, and with Fringed Gloves.

The whole Town was every night, during his Highness's Stay, finely illuminated, and there appeared in it a general Joy, by the Ringing of Bells &c.

Mar. 15 (Fri.). The Prints tell us that on Ash Wednesday as his Highness the Prince of Orange was going from Newbury to Abbingdon (in order to see Oxford) and the Road lying through a Lane, almost impassable for a Coach, and very dangerous, a wealthy Farmer, whose ³⁰ Estate lay contiguous, threw down the Hedges, and opened a Way for his Highness to pass through his Grounds ; which the Prince being acquainted with, was pleased to stop ; whereupon the Farmer came up to the Coach Side, and acquainted his Highness that he had now received the most desired Honour of his Life, in being able to contribute to the Safety of a Prince of the House of Orange ; that his Father had the like Honour, when the immortal King William, the Glorious Deliverer of these Kingdoms, passed that Way ; and that the sole Thing he had now to desire of Providence was, that his Son and Descendants to the latest Ages might have Opportunities to testify their Gratitude, by the like Zeal ⁴⁰ to future Princes of that Illustrious Family.

The Circumstance of the Farmer's pulling up the Hedges I am assured is very true, and I hear 'twas one Colton, a sorry puritan of Milton, and that the lane is Milton Lane, the publick road, & might have been passed well enough, as it commonly is, only this fellow had a mind to show his zeal, as multitudes else shew their zeal every day to the Prince.

Last night were great illuminations all over Oxford, and ringing of Bells for the marriage of the Prince of Orange with the Princess Anne, stiled the Princess Royal of England, which was celebrated at London with the greatest pomp and splendour last night. He was born Sept. 1, ⁵⁰ 1711, O.S. ; and she was born Oct. 22, 1709.

Mar. 16 (Sat.). William Burton Esq. is member of Parliament for Rutland. He is a great Whig, and one of those that voted for the late Excise Bill.

Mr. El. Fenton, who put out the late edition of Waller's poems, was of Jesus College in the Univ. of Cambridge, where he took his Degree of Bach. of Arts, proceeded M^r at Trin. Hall, where he had Mr. Trumbull (son of the late Sir William Trumbull) under his private care, with whom he lived and dyed, and whom he left executor, who gave him the following monument and inscription :

- 10 To the memory of | Elijah Fenton | of Shelton in Staffordshire, who | dyed at Easthampstead Anno 1730, aged | forty seven years ; In Honour of his great | Integrity & Learning William Trumbull Esq. | Erected this Monument.

This Modest Stone, what few vain Marbles can,
May truly say Here lies an Honest Man :
A Poet, 'blest beyond the Poet's Fate,
Whom Heaven kept sacred from the proud & Great ;
Foe to loud praise, & Friend to learned Ease,
Content with Science, in the Vale of Peace.
20 Calmly he looked on either Life, and here
Saw nothing to Regret, or there to fear :
From Nature's temp'rate Feast rose satisfied,
Thanked Heav'n, that he had lived, & that he dyed.

A. Pope.

This Epitaph (saith Mr. Baker, who sent it me in his letter of Feb. 19) contains Mr. Fenton's true Character. It was composed by Mr. Pope, his entire Friend ; & yet they were two men of very different Tempers, such as will want no further explaining to you.

- Mar. 17 (Sun.).** At the end of the 2nd Edition of the Book of
30 Hawkyng &c. is added *Enprynted att Westmestre by Wynkyn de Worde, the yere of thyncarnation of our Lord MCCCCCLXXXXVI* sent from Dr. Waterland, Master of Magd. Coll. Cambr. to Mr. Baker, with the following note, " The last Edition of this book (ascribed to Juliana Barnes) appears to be mostly a translation from Nic. Upton, who flourished A.D. 1440. And if the Translation was made so late as 1486, as seems to be intimated in the Close of that Edition, it may be questioned whether Jul. Barnes was then living, who according to Bale flourished anno 1460."

- Mar. 18 (Mon).** Roger Gale Esq., I was told last night is 64 years
40 old. His brother Sam. Gale Esq. (as I was told at the same time) is 59. Bishop Tanner wrote a long and very instructive Letter to Mr. Baker (more than could be expected, at such a distance as London is from his Collections at Oxford) in answer to the Quere Mr. Baker sent me from Cambridge, which I sent to the Bishop.

Mar. 16, 1731³. Samuel Gale to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 319). Is expecting the Annals of Dunstaple ; will send the money at once.

Mar. 17, 1731³. Edmund Archer to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 29). Desires his book to be sent to Dr. White of Merton College.

I heard last night that Bishop Tanner had certainly seventeen thousand Pounds with his new wife, and that he is grown miserably covetous.

Mr. West was in Town last night & I spent the evening with him. He bought MSS. in the auction of the MSS. of Tho. Rawlinson Esq. (now carrying on at London) for Lord Oxford. Mr. West told me he is getting Bishop Tanner's picture painted, the Bishop vouchsafing to sit for it.

Mar. 19 (Tu.). Learning is sunk so very low, that I am most certainly informed, that nothing is now hardly read but Burnett's romance or Libel, called by him *The History of his own Times*. 'Tis read by men, women and children. Indeed it is the common table Book for Ladies ¹⁰ as well as Gentlemen, especially such as are friends to the Revolution Scheme.

Mar. 20 (Wed.). Yesterday Mr. Oliver Battely of Christ Church talked much with me relating to Tully, about an edition of whose works I formerly took so much pains, but was discouraged even by those persons that chiefly put me upon it. At Balliol College I was denyed the use of their MSS., and when I printed proposals, Dr. Hudson (who had been very zealous for my publishing Tully) did what he could to hinder the success thereof. And not long after, being debarred the Bodleian Library & robbed of the Architypographus's Place, and forced to quit the ²⁰ Beadleship of Civil Law, I laid aside my design & earnestly & wholly set about the publication of such things as belong to our National History and Antiquities, and accordingly have done so much that way, as is surprizing to many persons. Yet I did not so lay aside Tully, but that I intended, if I met with proper encouragement, to resume the work, but this I have not yet done. For tho' here and there a person speaks of it as a thing that he will encourage & promote, yet it seems rather with a design to draw me from publishing any more of our own Writers, than otherwise. Would they that pretend to be encouragers procure an hundred lib. per an. to be paid me during the work's being carrying on ³⁰ at the Press, it might prevail, but they are not any way inclined to do this.

Mr. Battely then talked, as if the Dean of Christ Church, Dr. Conybear, were mightily for having Graevius's Tully carried on. He said, that some of their College would print, if they knew what. I told him of several things, all MSS., adding that I thought it more for the credit of an University to print MSS., especially in Oxford, where are so many of all kinds fit to be published, than to set out books already well printed, a thing that might be done in places where they have no MSS.

Mar. 21 (Thur.). I hear of an *Athenae Cantabrigienses* carrying on. Mr. Baker can tell, whether it be so or not. I have been told the ⁴⁰ undertaker finds fault with Mr. Wood, with respect to the Incorporations at Oxford from Cambridge.

Mar. 19, 1733 $\frac{1}{2}$. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 39). Sends two copies of the Annals of Dunstaple, price three guineas.

Mar. 21, 1733 $\frac{1}{2}$. Lord Oxford to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 364). Has received the Annals of Dunstaple.

Mar. 21, 1733 $\frac{1}{2}$. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 245) [*see* Diary, Mar. 24].

As for the *Ludus Carparum*, mentioned in Magd. Coll. Statutes, Mr. Constable of Burton-Constable, tells me (in his letter from thence of the 17 of last month) he cannot certainly tell, what sort of play it was, but he imagins it was with small bones, such as are in the wrist of men and feet of Animals. There are eight in number, almost as broad as long. They ly betwixt the cubit and the hand, which hand is made up of four longer bones, called *Metacarp*. There are four in number fastened by ligaments to the 8 coup or wrist bones towards the arm, and to the bones of the fingers on the other side. With these sort
 10 of bones, taken from the feet of sheep, Mr. Constable hath seen children play at handy dandy (as the Yorkshire children call it) who while they through up one bone, they catch up another from the ground, and receive the other, which was thrown up, in the same hand. He hath often seen children play with the shank bones of sheep, set up like nine pins, and one of these small carp bones of sheep set up in the way, which they were to hit. If it be objected, that if this was any of the plays, it should have been called *Ludus Carporum*, and not *Ludus carparum*, in answer to this it may be said, that a for o occurs in another word in the very same place. If it were some sort of *Alea*, as the Statute seems to imply,
 20 they may be called so, in as much as these sort of bones were proper to form dice of. *Carpa* signifies a prop.

Mar. 22 (Fri.). I understand Mr. Gole of Witney hath just printed a book of half a Crown price, in vindication of himself, with respect to the daughter of the late Dr. Hudson.

Last night young Jackson, the Cook, brought home his wife (to whom he was very lately married) from Adderbury to his house in St. Peter's in the East Oxford.

King George the IInd (as he is styled) and his wife Q. Carolina (as she is called) and other Courtiers are very much displeased, that the
 30 Prince of Orange met with such a fine handsome reception at Oxford.

To tell Mr. Baker that the Chappel of St. Mary of Romsuall¹ at Oxford in St. John the Evangelist's parish, now part of St. Peter's parish, stood north and south. The Effigies of the V. Mary is in a window of the same Chappel. See Vol. 132, p. 77.

Christopher Rawlinson (of Cark Hall in Lancashire) Esq., who died lately was born in Essex anno 1677. See *ibid.* p. 122.²

Mar. 23 (Sat.). I do not know but the *Ludus Carparum* was what is called by children *Cock-all*, bones being made use of in this play of *Cock-all*. See Hyde's *Historia Nerdiludii*, p. 131.

Mar. 23, 1731. Arthur Van Sittart to H. (Rawl. 17. 31). Will subscribe for Benedictus.

¹ The passage in Vol. 132, p. 77 is from Miles Wyndsore 'Aula Cervina in parochia sancti Iohannis ad aquilonem, ubi etiam sancte Marie de Romsuall capella est, ut apparet per effigiem in fenestra eiusdem capelle. This chapel stands north and south.' If we substitute *Petri* for *Iohannis*, it might refer to St. Mary's octagonal chapel at Smith Gate. The name *Romsuall* is unknown; it may be Wyndsore's invention.—ED.

² Hearne's reference is wrong. There is nothing about Christopher Rawlinson on that page or in that volume.—ED.

I take it that Dr. Nathaniel Johnston, who wrote the Booke [of the King's Visitatorial power] you mention, dyed long since, and that his son (Dr. also) has his MSS. which he valued at 500*l*. They were for some time in an old book-seller's hand of York (now dead) in order to try, if he could get sufficient subscriptions to raise that summe from the Gentlemen of York; but it did not succeed, and they were sent back to him in the South somewhere, but I have forgot the place, but will certainly satisfy you from a nephew of the old man, who has a living at Beverley, within ten miles of this place. He's a hearty facetious companion. The old Dr. was certainly a nonjuror, and his son, now living 10 (as I believe) is also a nonjuror. I knew and have often seen the old Doctor's brother, who was Prior of the English Benedictins at Paris, when I was there. He fled out of England at the assassination plot, and a reward was offered by K. William to apprehend him, but he kept out of the way, and dyed at Paris. The Parson in my neighbourhood has had several letters from him mildly exhorting him to be of the old religion, telling him, that there were but few things that kept them separate. This good little monk was, I believe, no writer, tho' long a Superiour. He was a pleasant good-natured man. *M^r. Constable.*

Mar. 24 (Sun.). On Friday last Mr. Whistler, one of the inferior 25 Beadles of the Univ. of Oxford, went up to London (the Vice-Chancellor being gone two or three days before) with 12 Copies of a folio Book of Verses, just printed at the Theater, to be presented in the name of the University upon account of the marriage of the Prince of Orange and the Princess Royal, as she is styled. The Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge was before hand, having presented Cambridge Verses on the same occasion before Oxford Verses were ready.

To enquire of Dr. Rawlinson about the Book of the Nonjuring Consecrations sent to Cambridge Library. I was told long since, that 'twas put into that Library (as there is one in the University of Oxford Library) 30 but I was told this day sennight, that it hath been lately taken out again, and sent back with a letter, which hath made some noise.

William Thomas, Esq., in a letter dated March 21, takes notice of one observation on my edition of the Chronicle Dunstable, where at the beginning I mention Mr. Wanley's being buried at *St. Mary-le-Bonne*, which he says he never yet found so written in any Record. He adds 'Some indeed out of a wrong notion of the addition being French have written it *St. Mary La Bonne*. But the ordinary way of writing it is *St. Mary Le Bone*, corruptly for *Le Borne*, from its situation. This is confirmed by several records, where it is written *Maryborne* as well as 40 *Marybone.*'

So Mr. Thomas, who is intimate with the present Earl of Oxford, not considering, that what I said, I had from the Earl of Oxford himself, well versed in Records, and a man of great authority. I wrote today to Mr. Thomas upon another affair, taking notice, however, at the beginning of my Letter of his observation in these words: 'Sir, upon receipt of your's of the 21, I had recourse to my Lord Oxford's letter of March 13,

Mar. 23, 1732. Hans Sloane to H. (Rawl. 16. 83). Sends three guineas.

1733², where 'tis written *St. Mary-le-bonne*. With the same letter his Lordship sent me Mr. Wanley's Epitaph, with this Title, just as I have printed it. *Inscription on Mr. Wanley's Tomb-stone in the Parish Church of St. Mary-le-Bonne*. I mention this little particular, not otherwise fit to be taken notice of, upon account of your observation.'

Mar. 25 (Mon.). The Prints tell us that on Tuesday night (March 12 last) died at Hammersmith, in the 99th year of his age, Dr. Bonaventura Giffard, a famous Prelate of the Church of Rome, having been consecrated such in the Banqueting-House at Whitehall in the last year
10 (before he went out of England) of K. James II. He is the same, that was made President of Magd. Coll. upon the death of Dr. Samuel Parker, Bishop of Oxford. He was a very good charitable man.

Mar. 26 (Tu.). Q. Mary I was a good benefactress to the University of Oxford, and on that account she is mentioned in the thanksgiving prayer among the publick benefactors to that University. She reedified or built the Schools, giving an 140 libs. in order thereto. See these MSS. Coll. Vol. 132, p. 82.

Mar. 27 (Wed.). Besides the 12 Copies above mentioned of the book of Verses printed at the Theater in Oxford on the Prince of
20 Orange's wedding, there are many more since carried up to London, all Presents, the Vice-Chancellor being there to present them.

Mr. Robert Wood, nephew of Ant. Wood told me today that he is in the 72nd year of his age. He is a brisk, hearty man and a great walker as well as rider.

Mar. 28 (Thur.). On Saturday the 16th inst. a Master of Arts (whom I accidentally met in High Street, I know not his name) told me, Mr. Antis (Garter K. of Arms) told him to tell me, that I might have the

Mar. 25, 1734. H. to Sir Hans Sloane (Rawl. 16. 84). Has received three guineas [see Letter, Mar. 23]. 'Being debarred the Bodleian Library, I was not in a capacity of performing what you some time since desired; otherwise no one would have been more ready' [see Letter, Jan. 16].

Mar. 26, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 54) [see Diary, Ap. 3, 4].

Mar. 26, 1734. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 29). 'Mr. Wood never wanted industry; but then his judgment was nothing equal to his diligence. Nor indeed had he any stock of true learning, which is the reason that his Antiquities were translated into Latin by other hands, he being not capable of doing it himself. Yet after all, both his works are very usefull & curious, and will be always esteemed as such by such as esteem our History and Antiquities, and have any just honour for the University of Oxford, which Mr. Wood endeavoured to promote so much, and 'tis pity that he received no better reward at last than Expulsion.' Sends the printed Advertisement of Benedictus Abbas.

Mar. 27, 1734. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 237). Asks that the Chronicle of Dunstaple may be sent to Mrs. Margret Cholmeley at Mr. Heath's next door to the Fountain Tavern in the Strand, London.

Mar. 28, 1734. A. Wescombe to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 296). Subscribes for Benedictus Abbas.

Mar. 28, 1734. John Worthington to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 261) [see Diary, Ap. 14].

MS. (the Scala Mundi) I wrote to him for, if I would order any one to call for it, or if I had occasion for it. I have had no answer in writing from Mr. Anstis, which I expected to have had immediately, I having time then to have perused the MS.; but since, my hands are full; and therefore I must defer it.

Mar. 29 (Fri.). Mr. Cuthbert Constable in his letter of Feb. 17 last said he would write to the old, very old Gentleman, Mr. William Smith of Melsonby, and inquire of him if he knows what *Ludus Carparum* is; which he chosed to do, because he will better inform him by writing than seeing him in person, for his discourse is very wandering and tedious, 10 running from one thing to another, as old people, that dote, are wont to doe; tho' indeed this rambling was peculiar to Mr. Smith (what I not long since told Mr. Constable) even when he was young. Upon mention of this Smith in the said letter, Mr. Constable could not but tell me what came into his head of the said venerable man at Melsonby, who has the Character, and so he had when he was Minister of Marston near Oxford, of a very charitable man. He has a very pretty, neat young Girl to his maid, whom he has instructed so that upon the least notice she'll bring him any book or manuscript in his library, and will read to him any Latin or Greek Author. She seemed to be about 17 years old. 20 Mr. Constable was mightily pleased with the ingenuity of the Girl, joined with a simple cleanliness and modesty. He inquired after who she was, and he was told a butcher's daughter in the neighbourhood.

Mar. 30 (Sat.). Yesterday about 12 Clock a lusty tall handsome young man was hanged at the Oxford Castle for horse stealing, a crime he had been found guilty of before. 'Tis said he was a Devonshire man. He was tryed & found guilty and condemned this last assize at Oxford by Baron Thompson. At the same Assize was tryed one Adkins of Oxford for two wives, both now living. He was found guilty & condemned to be burnt in the hand, which was done. This is the same Adkins, who 30 some years since committed wilfull murder at noonday, as it were publickly, in one of our Oxford Streets, by stabbing a man, who there-upon dyed upon the spot. He was tryed at the Sessions, found guilty and condemned to be hanged by Mr. Wright, at that time Recorder of Oxford, but the same Recorder got him pardoned.

Mar. 31 (Sun.). Mr. West buys many books (MSS. and printed) for Lord Oxford. So does Mr. John Murray.

Dr. Tho. Busby, a civilian, formerly of Univ. Coll. died lately at Marsh in Bucks. His books, which are valuable, are now to be sold.

Mr. Wanley drew up a Catalogue of Lord Oxford's coins, which I have 40 been told by Mr. West is accurately done. Mr. West said he would give 30 libs. for it.

Mar. 31, 1734. Edward Acton of Bentworth, Hants, to H. (Rawl. 13. 2). Will ask Mr. Winder of Trinity College, or his brother of C.C.C. to pay for the books and bring them, when they come into the country. Is unable to give H. any help about Romsey nunnery; 'it is near 20 miles distant from me.'

April 1 (Mon.). As for the great and humble Mr. Woodhead's life, it is entirely at a stand, and it will be hard to write his life, partly because few or none now can give any certain particulars of it, nor could any know his private, exemplar and penitential life, which he purposely hid from the world, to be more united to his God and Saviour. Mr. Constable (from whom I had this) hath met with some letters writ in his own hand to a friend of his, a Dr. of Physick, who became Catholick much at the same time as Mr. Woodhead. There are only three or four letters of the Doctor's, but they sufficiently shew he was a learned man. The
 10 dates to both their letters are only for the month and not the year, but there was one letter of Dean Cressy's, which was in the bundle, dated as to the year, which was 1651. So Mr. Constable supposes the rest were writ in the same year, especially since the matter seems to confirm this conjecture. Mr. Constable would give an hundred libs. he had all his letters, writ as these one. They would conduce much to the making out his life, and shew the honest heart of that humble learned man. Mr. Constable will go, if he can, this summer, to learn what he can in the country where he was born.

Mr. Thomas Shaw (commonly called Gabriel Shaw) hath put out
 20 Proposals for printing his Travells in folio. He is a great admirer of Insects.

Camden hath several conjectures about the reason of the name of London. I take it to be nothing but Longdon or Longtown.

Doctor Edward Somerville, of Adderbury by Banbury, bears a great character in that Country. He was Fellow of New College.

April 2 (Tu.). Mr. Constable, in the Postscript to his Letter of Feb. 17, 1734, tells me some of Mr. Woodhead's letters were writ in characters or short hand, and that he had a great and long trouble in making them entirely out. He seems (saith he) very cautious and
 30 timerous (*sic*) least he should be discovered to alter his sentiments as to religion, and charges Dr. Welby his friend, to whom all the letters are to (*sic*), to burn his letters, and tell no body his sentiments. Dr. Welby is stoute, and tells him he thinks its necessary they should declare themselves, but poor Mr. Woodhead is quite against it, one reason is that he and the Dr. (he says) might doe more good undiscovered; he says also that he should be ruind for ever if he declared himself openly.

To ask Mr. Constable, whether he knows any thing more of this Welby. There is nothing of him in Anth. a Wood. To ask Mr. Baker, whether they had any such man at Cambridge.

40 **April 3 (Wed.).** I was misinformed in Mr. Echard's death, who died at Lincoln Aug. 21, 1730, or according to a printed account Sept. 3, 1730.

c. April 1, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 96) [*see* Diary, Mar. 18, and Letter, Ap. 16]. 'Mr. West was at Oxford one night a fortnight since. He told me he should have from you a copy in Vellom of your Book of the New Consecrations. He said you officiated at Mr. Gandy's Funeral in Pontificalibus. He mentioned other things that way. I pleaded ignorance in everything. He is my friend, but his principles being different, I did not care at all to talk of that Topick.'

The former account comes from a friend of his, who had reason to know, & I take it to be true. *M^r. Baker from Cambridge Mar. 26, 1734.*

April 4 (Thur.). *M^r. Baker*, in his letter from Cambridge of Tuesday Mar. 26 last, tells me that tho' the Univ. of Oxford had the Honor of entertaining the Prince of Orange, which they can hardly expect, yet that they had prevented the Univ. of Oxford in their congratulations, meaning their verses, which were presented the week before, by the Vice-Chancellor & some of the Heads &c.

M^r. Wanley's father was of Trinity College in this University [of Cambridge], as he told me himself. *M^r. Baker ibid.* 10

April 5 (Fri.). *Dr. Rawlinson* hath just published a Catalogue of his brother Thomas Rawlinson's pictures, sold this week by auction at London.

M^r. Richard Clements of Oxford, bookseller, told me yesterday that *Dr. Holmes*, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, had desired him not to sell nor disperse any of the copies that should be offered to him, of *M^r. Gole* of Witney's case, with relation to *Dr. Hudson's* daughter, and the like request he hath made to other booksellers in Oxford. This the Vice-Chancellor hath done, at the desire of Sir John Boys, whose son is married to the said daughter of *Dr. Hudson*. This makes people believe 20 that *M^r. Gole* hath more right on his side than some have suggested, and that Sir John hath not acted so justly as he ought in the case, especially too since he gave 200 libs. to *M^r. Gole* not to stir in the matter; which however *Gole* did, tho' it was (contrary to what was expected at London) given against him.

April 6 (Sat.). *M^r. George Ballard* hath lately read over the 1st Volume of Wood's *Athenae*, with much pleasure and satisfaction. He wishes *Nicolson* had used the same diligence in his English Historical Library, & that he had given us Catalogues of every author's works. But in this I cannot agree with *M^r. Ballard*, the Bishop's design being only to 30 point out what relates to our English History, in which what he hath done is very usefull, tho' far from being a perfect work, there being strange blunders in it, and abundance of Defects or Omissions.

April 5, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 87). 'I received yours of the 2nd and with it three copies of the Catalogue of your Brother's pictures, one for the Vice-Chancellor, one for *M^r. Crynes*, and one for myself. . . . *M^r. Crynes* talked something of two Pictures (by Hans Holbein) of Cromwell and Anne Bolein, which your Brother (and you since) had, but (it seems) are not in the Catalogue. I never saw the Account of *M^r. Gandy*. I desire to know when he died. I know nothing of *An Explication and Vindication of the Rubricks for the 11th day of June &c.*, that you mention, but the *Biter biten* was written by *Dr. Evans* of your College. *M^r. Crynes* can tell you more of these matters than I, as he converses abroad more, & often traverses the streets and shops. And, if he please, he can (and I doubt not but he will) assist you much from Registers in things relating to your present Inquiries. Is there not a thing printed (very lately) about *M^r. Gole* of Witney's being contracted (at least) in marriage with *Dr. Hudson's* Daughter. I would fain have one, if I could.'

c. April 6, 1734. John Talbot to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 218). Desires his book may be bound as usual. Note by Hearne that he answered it Ap. 12, 1734.

On Wednesday last in the afternoon, Apr. 3, died pretty suddenly of the Dropsy and Collick, M^{rs}. Bateman, wife of M^r. Clement Bateman of St. Peter's parish in the East Oxford, who had been formerly Mancipal of Queen's College, Oxon. She died in the 52^d year of her age, and was buried last night in St. Clement's church near Oxford, where she was born, her maiden Sirname being Manours. She had when young (& indeed she married when she was as it were a meer child) been very gay & wanton, as her husband had likewise in his youthfull days been very sprightly, brisk and jocund, and both very proud, & lived very high, but
 10 they grew very poor. After he was out from being Mancipal, they lived some years at Thame in Oxfordshire, where they kept an Inn, but run out, & did not thrive, and afterwards they returned to Oxford, where they kept a little piddling Ale house by East Gate, but had little or no business, & 'twas at this house she died, leaving a disconsolate husband & several children, she having had 20 or more in all, being a very breeding Woman.

April 7 (Sun.). Mr. David Casley hath published a Catalogue of the MSS. in St. James's Library. There was one printed before in the great Catalogue of the MSS. of England and Ireland.

20 Mr. Casley in his Preface hath given rules for the finding out the ages of MSS. These might have been let alone, those that are versed in MSS. always following rules of their own, knowing very well how often fixt rules by others fail.

Mr. Casley hath given 150 Specimens of hands on copper Plates. These might also have been spared.

April 8 (Mon.). On Friday last, Ap. 5, died at his house in St. Ebbe's parish, M^r. Hight, organist of Magd. Coll. Oxford, aged 70 or thereabouts. He hath left an hundred and twenty libs. to that College, towards buying a new Organ there, or at least for repair of the old one.
 30 He was buried at St. Ebb's last night.

An Athenae Cantabrigienses hath been long on foot by one M^r. Richardson of Emanuel College, said to be equal to the work, and he is reported to be much encouraged by M^r. Baker. I hear he complains of M^r. Wood for his large account of Incorporations, and I fear he will not be able to add much to those from 1500 downwards, and their chasms, as M^r. Baker hath observed, are large before.

April 8, 1734. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. c. 88. 40). Has received the money for the Annals of Dunstable. 'The venerable old Gentleman of Melsonby was always (even when young) very rambling and confused in his Discourse, and so he was in his writing, if he had paper enough, but if he were confined to a little piece of Paper (it may be a Quarter, or half a Quarter, of a sheet) he would make things pretty clear. You do well therefore to converse with him by letter, rather than in person by word of mouth. He was always a very industrious man, and hath collected abundance of things relating to the University and City of Oxford, which ought to be preserved, as I hope they will. I think you have an influence over him, and may therefore give him good Directions in this Affair, which is a matter of consequence. He burnt a great many MSS. Papers when he left Oxford, but what they were, I know not.'

Mr. West has got possession of the copper plates of Hans Holbein's dance of death, etched by Hollar.

Archbishop Wake has received from Constantinople a fine ancient copy of the Greek Testament.

April 9 (Tu.). Burnet's Second Romance (so his History of his own Time is justly stiled) was published about 7 weeks since. It comes down to the Treaty of Utrecht, and by what I hear from several (for I have not read it myself) is much of a piece with the former, tho' others say there is less scandal in it. It is said the political characters were given him by the author of a book, which I have formerly mentioned, ¹⁰ now in the Catalogue that is printed of Thomas Rawlinson's MSS. But it seems the MS. of that book was imperfect, and there is a perfect one in Rawlinson's Collection. But whether Burnett had these Characters from that book, I leave to such as will think it worth while to compare both. Burnett must have been the greatest of Villains, in writing such Libells or Romances, in order to poison present and future ages. For tho' honest wise men will rightly judge of such performances, & be by no means byassed by them, yet they bear no proportion to others, who will be swayed by such books, and will greedily imbibe the principles in them, and instill them in their children and descendents. ²⁰

April 10 (Wed.). Mr. Thomas Richardson of London died Feb. 24 last. He was an honest bookish man, and very curious in his collecting books.

A few days after that died of a dead palsy Mr. Gandy, of a great age, one of the new consecrated Nonjuring Bishops.

April 11 (Thur.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Apr. 8.

They write from Bristol that on Tuesday, Mar. 26, died the Rev. Mr. [Edward] Biss, minister of St. George, who in the late reign [of George I] fell under displeasure of the Government, for preaching a seditious and treasonable ³⁰ sermon, for which he stood in the Pillory, had a long Imprisonment, and was silenced from Preaching.

NB. The said Mr. Bisse was a Battler of Edmund Hall in Oxford, being about a year my junior, where he took the Degree of Bach. of Arts and left the Hall, but after some years he came with his wife to Oxford again, and as a member of that Hall took the Degree of M.A. on May 10, 1710, at what time his wife lay in in Oxford. Soon after he had taken his Master of Arts degree he left Oxford quite, and the next news I heard

April 10, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 55). Is sorry to hear of Bp. Tanner's relapse. 'I have read the second part of Bp. Burnet's History, which is not so entertaining as the first, being less instructive, & wrote with more temper & reserve. His Life, by his son, is the best part of the book, which if it may be depended 'on, shows him to have been a great & no bad man; & I cannot forbear thinking, that his enemies have blackned him beyond what he deserved. I have reason to speak well of him, for he treated me with great Humanity, as his letters will show.'

April 11, 1734. R. Gale to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 315). Has received the Dunstable Annals. Sends an Excise Office receipt for 3 guineas.

of him was the Sermon he preached, for which he suffered. When he was of Edmund Hall, he was called crazed or mad Bisse, and oftentimes proud Bisse, by which names he was very properly called, being indeed a very haughty, crazed, poor wretch, deserving pity rather than the pillory, only those that did it, did it purely out of spite to the clergy. Had they ordered his friends to confine him, they had done well, for indeed he was not fit to preach.

April 12 (Good-Friday). Being yesterday walking between Ferry Hinxey and Botley in Berks, Farmer Kirby of Ferry Hinxey told me, that
 10 at Oddington near Islip Oxfordshire, what in other places is called a *yard land*, they call a *noble of Land*, saying such a parcel of Ground consists of so many nobles of Land instead of so many Yards-Land. This farmer Kirby lived three or four years since at Oddington. He married his wife from Hinxey, and 'tis that that makes him live there.

Mr. William Dobson, a young Scholar of New College, hath just published in 4^{to} his Latin Translation of Mr. Prior's Poem, called *Salomon*. This Translation is printed at the Theatre, and the English original is printed with it.

April. 13 (Sat.). D. Casley's Catalogue of the MSS. in his Majesty's
 20 Library is 1 l. 5s.

April 14 (Easter Sunday). In a letter I have had from Mr. John Worthington, dated at London Mar. 28, 1734, he tells me that he is in hopes he shall see Hatcher's Catalogue of King's College from me, tho' he fears it will not be so soon as he could wish. I do still intend it, especially since Mr. Worthington assures me Dr. Rawlinson will not resent it (tho' the Dr. takes no notice thereof in any letters I have had lately from him); tho', before I do it, I think 'twould be necessary for me to compare my copy (in which I fear there are some few interpolations) with some other Copy, that hath certainly no interpolations, provided
 30 I can procure one.

April 15 (Mon.). Mr. Pegge is Rector of Godmersham near Canterbury. And 'tis he that Mr. Beaupré Bell junior told me was doing something in our Antiquities, in which he desired my assistance.

I take the said Pegge, to have been a Cambridge man. Ask Mr. Baker, and desire to know, whether he [Pegge] hath published any thing.

Dr. Charlett was an inveterate enemy to my Design of publishing Tully.

April 16 (Tu.). Mr. Pope had the main of his information about
 40 Mr. Kirle, commonly called *the man of Ross* (from he characterizeth in this Poem on the Use of Riches) from Jacob Tonson, the bookseller, who hath purchased an Estate of about a thousand a year, & lives in

April 16, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 88). 'On Saturday the 13th I received your Packett, and I immediately left with Mr. Crynes what you sent for him. I thank you for the Characters of Mr. Gandy. I shall be very glad of a Supplement to the Instruments. I keep them as sacred things,

Herefordshire, a man that is a great snivelling, poor spirited Whigg, and good for nothing that I know of. Mr. Brome tells me in his letter from Ewithington on Nov. 23, 1733, that he does not think the truth is strained in any particulars of the character, except it be in his being Founder of the Church and Spire of Ross, for had he lived backward the years of *Johannes de temporibus*, he could have been born early enough to have been so; but he was a great Benefactor; and at the recasting of the Bells, gave a Tenor, a large Bell. Neither does Mr. Brome find he was Founder of any Hospital, and he thinks his knowledge in Medicine extended no farther than Kitchin Physick, of which he was very liberal, ¹⁰ and might thereby preserve many lives. To enable him to perform these extraordinary Benefactions, he had a wood, which perhaps once in about 15 years might bring him in between 1000 and 1500 libs. I will say of him with Petrarch

O fortunato, che si chiara tromba

Trovasti, & chi di Te si alto scrisse.

On Sunday last, being Easter day, died Mr. Smith, ironmonger, one of the present Bayliffs of the City of Oxford.

April 17 (Wed.). On Jan. 1st last (as I have noted in p. 82 of Vol. 141) a company of select Oxford ringers rang 5040 cator changes ²⁰ upon Christ Church ten bells. I have inserted their names at p. 108 of that Volume. The very same company undertook to ring 6876 changes upon the same bells on Easter Monday last, being Apr. 15. They agreed to begin at ten clock exactly in the Morning, and some of them sent notice of it a few days before to me. Accordingly they raised the bells and put them in order at ten clock that morning, and at a quarter, or a little more, after ten they began the changes, and continued them till above a quarter after one in the afternoon, when the rope of the ninth bell, some how or other, happening to twist, the ringer of that bell, Arthur Lloyd, was out, & thereupon they all stopt of a sudden (and ³⁰

under lock and key. Mr. West used the expression in *Pontificalibus*, and (as I very well remember) he said Mr. Creak had declined to be a *R. Rev^d*, and that he took him to be one of the wisest (if not the very wisest) of that persuasion. He told me too (what I had not heard before) that the book of Instruments was sent back from Cambridge with a Letter, and that the Letter made a noise. I wish I could see the two Medals struck of K. and Q. P. and D. I have not been at any Coffeehouse a great many years, and therefore it cannot be expected, that I should have seen any thing there about Thuanus. What I said about a book relating to Dr. Hudson's Daughter, I had from Mr. West, who said 'twas to be half a Crown price. Mr. West was related to Mr. Goole's first wife, and Mr. Goole was for some time Mr. West's master, he (Mr. Goole) being School-Master of Witney. I did not pretend to open Mr. Cryne's Packet, to copy (nor indeed had I time to copy) the Lords' Protest you speak of, nor have I so much as seen it. I never saw Mr. Shaw's Proposals. I enquired after him, as soon as I received your guinea for him, but he was not come from London. Today I met with him (he being returned since I enquired after him) and paid him the said Guinea, for which I have enclosed his Receipt. He was a Stranger to me (for I do not know, that I ever saw or spoke to him before) but Dr. John Woodward (late Professor at Gresham College) hath spoken honourably of him, and (as I take it) he is intimate with Sir Hans Sloane.'

so they sank the bells) which accident I was very sorry for. For indeed they rang so excellently well, that I was even ravished with it, and tho' they did not quite come up to the Londoners, who rang without faults, yet 'twas really so admirable, that I could observe but six faults, besides the grand one (which was the seventh & put them out) in all their ringing, which six faults however, had they performed the whole, I should have looked upon as so inconsiderable, that I should have thought the peal might have been said to be rung without faults. They rang 4800 changes, which was 240 less than they rang before, and wanted 2076 of the whole 6876, which notwithstanding had not that misfortune happened, they would certainly have performed without difficulty. As I went on purpose to be as nice as possible in my observations, and was present from the beginning to the end (choosing to be as private as I could, standing for the most part in Cowley Street, which goes from Christ Church to Milham Bridge, which bridge hath been down many years), so I do not know that I ever gave greater attention to any thing of this nature in my life. In short, I was as critical as possibly I could be, and as I went without any manner of partiality to judge fairly of the matter, & to pass over no faults, I must say, that I could (as I have noted before) discover but six faults, except the grand one (provided an accident may be called a fault) and that what they did was admirable, much to their honour and credit, and greatly to the satisfaction of the Auditors.

April 18 (Thur.). The person that rang the 6th bell at Christ Church was Mr. John Broughton, a barber of St. Peter's in the East. His elder brother is a bookbinder in that parish, which bookbinder told me yesterday, that the twisting the rope was only a pretended reason, the true reason was being tired, tho' the ringers themselves all say otherwise.

Yesterday Mr. Matthew Gibson, minister of Abbey Dore in Herefordshire, just called upon me. I asked him, whether he knew Mr. Kirle, commonly called *The man of Ross*. He said he did very well, and that his (Mr. Matthew Gibson's) wife is his near relation. I think he said he was her uncle.

I told him the said *man of Ross* was an extraordinary charitable man, & did much good. He said, he did a great deal of good, but that 'twas all out of vanity and ostentation, being the vainest man living, and that he always hated his relations, and would never look upon, or do any thing for, them, tho' many of them were very poor.

I know not what credit to give Mr. Gibson in that account, especially since this same Gibson hath more than once, in my presence, spoke inveterately against that good honest man Dr. Adam Otley, late Bishop of St. David's. Besides, this Gibson is a crazed man, and withall stingy, tho' he be rich, and hath no child by his wife.

April 19 (Fri.). George Chapman's English Translation of Homer's Iliad was always looked upon as excellently well done, & in noble language for that time, and afterwards Ogilby's was likewise esteemed as just. So

April 18, 1734. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 239) [see Diary, Sept. 24].

that 'tis no wonder that Mr. Alexander Pope's translation should likewise be approved, since 'tis nothing but what was done to his hand, abating a new stile. Nor would it be expected he should have done it, had it not been done before, since Mr. Pope is unskilled in Greek, & looked upon to be but a mean scholar.

[Monumental Inscription in Easthampstead Church to Sir William Trumbull who died Dec. 14, 1716.]

The Marble for Mr. Fenton lies on the floor of two pews in the Chancel, north of the Communion Table. He dyed in 1730, aet. 47. Mr. Pope's name is at the bottom of the Epitaph in Verse. Fenton was 10 Domestic Tutor to Mr. Trumbull.

April 20 (Sat.). From Mr. Loveday:—I fear this is an incorrect copy of an inscription at Wilton House, ΜΑΝΘΕΟΣ : ΑΙΘΟΥ : ΕΥ | ΧΑΡΙΣΤΕΙ : ΔΙΙ : ΕΠΙ : | ΝΙΚΕΙ : ΠΕΝΤΑΘΛΟΥ : | ΠΑΙΔΟΣ :¹ As in the 3 first lines there are the same number of letters, so the letters are placed immediately one under another in the stone, as I am informed.

I must remember to ask Mr. Baker to send me what Mr. Tyrrell saith of Walter Coventre's continuation of Roger Hoveden.

April 21 (Sun.). Mr. Lew. Theobald hath just put out a new edition of Shakespeare's works in 7 volumes 8^{vo} with notes. He 20 gives an account at the beginning of the work of the several editions of Shakespeare's Plays, and this Title:—A Table of the several Editions of Shakespeare's Plays, collated by the Editor. He mentions them in this order (1) Editions of Authority, (2) Editions of Middle Authority, (3) Editions of no Authority. He mentions only two editions of no authority, viz. Mr. N. Rowe's and Mr. Alex. Pope's.

I am told this Theobald is a Lawyer by Profession, I think an Attorney, and that he is but in mean circumstances. Quaere whether he were of any University.

April 22 (Mon.). Yesterday being Low Sunday, the Repeater at St. 30 Marie's of the four Easter Sermons before the University was Mr. Oliver Battely, student of Christ Church. The Preachers of those four sermons were the said Mr. Oliver Battely at Christ Church, (2) Dr. Euseby Isham, Rector of Lincoln College, at St. Peter's in the East on Easter Sunday afternoon, (3) The said Oliver Battely on Easter Monday at St. Marie's, (4) Mr. Fothergill of Queen's College on Easter Tuesday.

A little while ago (viz. in Nov. last) I took of my friend and acquaintance Mr. William Brome, of Ewthington near Hereford, a gold noble of

April 20, 1734. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 124) [see Diary, May 1].

April 22, 1734. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 148). Sends the inscription of Elias de Bekingham in Bottisham church near Cambridge:—HIC IACET ELIAS DE BEKINGHAM QVONDAM IVSTICIARIVS DOMINI REGIS ANGLIE CIVIS ANIME PROPICIETVR DEVS.

¹ This is the *Βουστροφῆδον* inscription, and is written by Hearne in that way, the letters in the second and fourth lines being reversed.—ED.

Edward III for 17s. 6d. He sent me this piece for so much money he owed me (tho' I cannot tell, for I did not weigh it, whether it be full weight) on purpose to prevent a great deal of writing, and to shew me he could never persuade himself to be of Mr. Evelyn's opinion, that the coin pag. 86 of his book was of Edw. III. All Mr. Brome hath seen of Edw. III, & he supposeth all he coined, have that King standing armed in the middle of a ship, with the Arms of France *seme* & England quarterly, inscribed Edward Dei gra. Rex Angl & Fran Dns Hyb & Aquit r., a cross floury with Lioneux with *æ* in the centre, legend, *ih̄e autem*
 10 *transiens per medium illorum ibat*. Whereas Mr. Evelyn's coin undoubtedly of Edw. IV (saith Mr. Brome) and all I have seen of that King have a king standing armed in a ship, standard displaid in the stern with *æ* on it, Arms of France 3 flowers de lis, Rose upon the Ship, inscribed Edward *di* gra &c. a spur or star, legend *ih̄e* &c., not *ih̄s* as Mr. Selden, Evelyn & Thoresby reads it; led perhaps into the mistake (if it be a mistake) by the sigle *i. h. s.* for Jes. Hom. Sal. If my observations (continues he) are right, Edw. 3, Rich. 2, Hen. 4 bore France *seme*, which distinguish them from Hen. 5, Edw. 4 & Ric. 3, who bore France 3 flowers de lis. The French Historians & Heralds unanimously agree the reduction of the
 20 flower de lis to 3 was in Charles 6 reign, but do not agree in the year when 'twas done. Some, says Favin, place it in the year 1412 or 1414. And that happens to be about the beginning of Hen. 5 reign, when I believe was the first regulation of the French Arms to 3 fl. de lis in our Bearings. From the Piece being clipped (& more I have seen so used) I am inclinable to think 'twas current cash of those times, because a medal clipped, altho' one had all the clippings with the medal, is not of equal value with one preserved whole. But in clipping the running cash, the clipper gains the clippings and afterwards puts off the piece as if it were full value, as we have seen in our time. *So far Mr. Brome.*

30 **April 23 (Tu.).** Yesterday in the forenoon Mr. Simon Mashborne, mercer in Allhallowes parish, was chosen Bailiff of the City of Oxford, in room of Mr. Smith deceased, in opposition to Mr. Dandridge a Taylour. Coming to a Poll, the difference appeared to be 90, viz. Mashborne 337, Dandridge 247.

Mr. William Walters, son of Sir George Walters, was Gent. Com. of Edm. Hall, as a member of which he took the Degree of M.A. a few years since. He was a sad rake. He stood to be fellow of All Souls, but could not get in. He afterwards took holy orders, and married, and died a young man on Easter day last April 14.

40 **April 24 (Wed.).** The Parliament which hath continued 7 years, being dissolved, a new one is called, which is also to be for 7 years, and writts are issued out, and the Elections begun. The writts bear Teste the 18th of this April, being Thursday, on the evening of which day the Proclamation (dissolving the Parl.) for the new elections was published in London, and are to be returnable on Thursday the 13th day of June next. Yesterday in the forenoon Matthew Skinner Esq., serjeant at Law and Recorder of the City of Oxford, and Thomas Rowney Esq. were unanimously elected members of Parliament for the City of Oxford. There had been an opposition at first, which continued a good while, the

said Rowney (who was Member in the last Parliament) being for one Mr. Dawkins, formerly Gentleman Commoner of Magd. Coll., and vast Interest was made, and a great deal of money (not less, they say, than a thousand pounds) was spent by the said Dawkins, and all to keep Skinner out, whose interest was espoused by the Earl of Abbingdon. But Skinner having the most reputable persons, both of the University and City, on his side, there was no manner of danger on his side, so that few doubted of his being a member, so that the contest, in all probability was to be between Rowney and Dawkins. Dawkins had a great number, so many, it seems, that Rowney began to fear himself should be out, unless matters were made up. At last therefore things were compromised, and Dawkins relinquished his Interest, being not willing Rowney should be out, & so it happened, that Skinner and Rowney were chosen. Much money was spent, during the opposition, and a great number of new freemen (most of them were very poor) were made during the struggle, which is like to bring a deal of mischief to the Town, as abundance of ill blood hath been raised otherwise on this occasion, and had not the business been compromised, there is no doubt but abundance of other damage would have happened; indeed people dreaded the consequences, and therefore the wisest men are glad, that the difference proceeded no farther. 20

April 25 (Thur.). Yesterday in a Convocation at 2 Clock in the afternoon Mr. Eden of Univ. Coll. and Mr. Edgecombe of Exeter College, proctors of the Univ. of Oxon for 1733, laid down their office, and Mr. John Cox of New Coll. and Mr. William Thomas of Wadham Coll. were admitted Proctors for 1734.

Yesterday Mr. Dawkins, who had endeavoured to come in at Oxford, was elected Member of Parliament for Woodstocke, by the Interest of the Dutchess of Marlborough. A great noise was made at first, that he would be opposed, but it dwindled to nothing, and he had it without opposition. 30

April 26 (Fri.). Our Oxford Verses, I hear, for I have not perused them, upon the late Marriage of the Prince of Orange, are closed by Mr. Hart M.A. and Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, son of Mr. Hart a professed Nonjuror.

April 27 (Sat.). Yesterday at eight Clock in the morning Dr. George Clarke and Lord Cornbury, our former members, were unanimously elected burgesses in Parliament for the Univ. of Oxford, a Convocation being then held on purpose.

On Thursday the 18th of this month Dr. Conybeare, Dean of Christ Church's wife was brought to bed in Christ Church, of a daughter, being 40 her first born. The Dr. married her the year before.

April 28 (Sun.). In the Convocation Wed. last, Apr. 24, when the

April 27, 1734. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 255). Has not written before, having been occupied by his long attendance on the Prince of Orange, now but just finished. Mr. Isaac Sampson ceases to be a subscriber to H.'s publication, but his place will be taken by the Earl of Burlington.

April 28, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 56) [*see* Diary, May 4, 5, 6].

new Proctors were admitted, a letter was read from Lord Arran, our Chancellor, that there might be no Act this year, 1734. It was carried accordingly by a small majority, that there shall be none. The Vice-Chancellour, Dr. Holmes, it seems, hath had enough of Acts, and that made him send for a letter, otherwise had not he sent for one, there had been one of course. The mad impudent method last Act by bringing a parcel of Pickpockets ¹ hither, to run away with the money, shocked all understanding men, who wished there might be no Acts, unless they were carried on in a statutable way, as 'twas hoped for the future they would, 10 and that therefore this Vice-Chancellour would have begun this very year 1734 to have reduced it to the statutable method, but it appears now, that it hath been judged most convenient to have none, it being pretended to put it off (which is an old threadbare reason) that there are no Doctors, which however is a poor reason, it being certain that there are always Masters or Doctors of Arts, and some exercises might be done, let the number of Artists &c. be never so few.

April 29 (Mon.). Among the Subscribers to Mr. Theobald's Shakespeare is *Reverend Thomas Baker D.D.* Quære if he be not the same with my friend Mr. Thomas Baker, B.D. of Cambridge. [He is].

20 **Rev. Mr. Hiley** is one of the Subscribers. I suppose he is the same that is School-master of Reading, who was also an Encourager of Burnett's Romance, as I have been told by one that was his scholar.

One of his Subscribers is *Styan Thirlby, L.L.D., Royal Paper.* I suppose the same Thirlby, that furnished him with many Conjectures.

Sir Robert Walpole was a great encourager of him. So was the Reverend Mr. William Warburton, of Newark upon Trent, who likewise sent him abundance of conjectures and notes.

Five hundred and twenty three copies (a great many of which Royal Paper) were subscribed for. The Book in 7 volumes is now sold 30 handsomely bound and lettered for 28 shillings or 4s. a volume.

Vol. I. p. 35. A *Bumbard*, I have myself a *Bumbard* for Ale, being in shape of a small Gun.

[Then follow criticisms of Theobald's conjectures and Hearne's own conjectures, ending 'Haec hactenus. Possem perplura alia proferre, sed pudet pigetque.']

April 30 (Tu.). Wrote to-day to John Anstis Esq. signifying that since he had not (I suppose thro' multiplicity of Business) wrote an answer to my letter about *Scala Mundi*, I had set upon other Affairs, and that I am not (as I was when I wrote to him) now at leisure to peruse and consider it, so would defer it to another opportunity.

40 Just printed and published, *A practical Grammar of the Greek Tongue.* 'Tis in English. The Author Anonymous. He had before printed & published a Practical Latin Grammar, in English also. Both are in 8^{vo}. The Latin one I have not run over, but have just perused the Greek one, which is dedicated to the Hon. John Scrope Esq. This Scrope is a great Whig, & was Member of Parliament for Bristol (when this Greek Grammar came out) in the Parliament that is just dissolved.

¹ i. e. Handel's company.—ED.

He was a zealous man & voted for the Excise Bill. Whoever the Author be, he is a forward conceited fellow, & endeavours to bring new fangled ways of teaching into vogue. He would have Greek learned before Latin, & that children & youth should learn Grammatical Rules in English, not in Latin. Yet his Rules are so hard as that 'tis impossible for children & youth to understand them without understanding Latin. I was soon weary of him, he is so whiggish, as even to put & recommend Dr. Clarke (who put out a piece of Homer) both in his Index (for there is an Index to his Grammar) & in the Book. For my part, I think that should youth follow Clarke, they would be hetero-¹⁰dox both in Divinity & Grammar. Clarke, 'tis well known (& it hath been often proved) was heterodox in Divinity, and I have no better opinion (at least since he is recommended by this anonymous) for his grammatical skill, especially since his Homer is stolen from Barnes's edition. Mr. Barnes hath grammatical notes all along, such as Dr. Rob. Friend used to make his boys read at Westminster School, which have been stolen by Dr. Clarke, and used as his own, and 'tis these that anonymous recommends as curious, without taking notice of Mr. Barnes, the best skilled in poetical Greek of any man in the world, stiling Dr. Clarke *the accurate and most learned Dr. Clark*. He tran-²⁰scribes whole Latin Passages from his beloved Clarke. He writes *asperate* instead of *aspirate*, purely because of a *lenis* & *asper*, but tho' *asper* the adjective be proper, yet *aspero* is not so, but *aspiro*. But since he is for English, he should have expressed every thing even *lenis*, *asper* &c. in English. I never knew such English performances as this Grammar do good, & I am therefore far from expecting it from this, no more than ever I found or heard of any good service that English Logicks have done.

May 1 (Wed.). Mr. Pococke tells Mr. Rawlins, that the Papers he (Mr. Rawlins) sent him will enable Mr. Twells of Marlborough³⁰ to correct some mistakes in that part of Doctor Pococke's life, that was drawn up and written by the late Mr. Humphrey Smith. If so, they will prove of some material Service towards the compleating of it, which Mr. Twells will do, with all the Expedition he possibly can.

Mr. Rawlins intends, when he meets Mr. Pococke, which he hopes to do shortly at Oxford, to go with him to Minall, of which Mr. Pococke is minister, and from thence to Marlborough & so to Salisbury, to visit one of the wonders of England & take a view of Stonehenge, if it be in his way thither.

Mr. Rawlins saw Mr. Ward of Barford near Warwick lately. It seems⁴⁰ Mr. Ward is unfortunately involved in too much of the Husbandry concerns, that engrosses most of his time.

Yesterday called upon me, about six Clock in the Evening, and staid about half an hour, one Bagger (we pronounce it Badger in English) who said he was a German. He was a meer stranger to me.

He said he was formerly a Roman Catholick but turned a Protestant

May 1, 1734. R. Woodforde to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 379). Has received the Chronicles of Dunstaple; will subscribe for Benedictus.

to the Church of England, and had expectations of Encouragement from Edm. Gibson, Bishop of London, and others but found none.

He came to Oxford without any Recommendations, for which reason Dr. Conybeare, Dean of Christ Church told him, he could not countenance him.

He is poor and goes much on foot. He is a brisk man, upwards of 40. He hath been in most parts of Europe. He hath been at Mexico. He came into England first seven years agoe. He designs to return speedily to Germany, and to spend his life privately, and to
10 translate some English Books.

He shewed me a Latin letter from Schurer to himself, in which Schurer (who is a foreign Professor) stiles him *vir doctissimus*. He observed, that none write (when they do write) Latin better than the English, as being more terse than others, especially far more terse than the Germans.

He said Pfaffius, who many years ago studied in the Bodleian Library (at which time I was acquainted with him) is vastly rich, but most miserably covetous.

This Bagger is in holy orders, and had a Licence to preach from
20 the Bishop of London, Gibson. He went as a missionary to Mexico, but had not encouragement.

He carries a Journal with him, in which he notes things. So he told me, and he had it in his hand, but he shewed me nothing in it.

May 2 (Thur.). Yesterday an attempt was made upon New College bells of 6876 changes. They began a quarter before ten in the morning, and rang very well till four minutes after twelve, when Mr. Brickland a schoolmaster of St. Michael's parish, who rang the fifth bell, missing a stroke, it put a stop to the whole, so that they presently set them, & so sunk the peal, which is pity, for 'twas really very true ringing,
30 excepting five faults, which I observed (for I heard all the time, tho' twas very wet all the while, in that part of the Parks which is on the east side of Wadham College, where I was very private) one of which five faults was the Treble, that was rang by Mr. Richard Hearne, and the other four were faults committed by the abovesaid Mr. Brickland, who 'twas feared by several beforehand would not fully perform his part, but they took him now, because Mr. Broughton (who otherwise should have rung) was out of Town, attending as Barber in a Progress of Magd. College. Excepting this Broughton and Mr. George, the ringers were all the same with those mentioned under Jan. 24 last.
40 Mr. George's hands being not quite recovered of some blisters he received the last ringing on April 15 last, Mr. Nash, a cabinet maker (who came from London, but now lives in Oxford) who is an excellent ringer, supplied his place, and rang the 3rd bell, so they were as follows:—Mr. Hearne the 1st or Treble, Mr. Vicars the 2^d, Mr. Nash the 3^d, Mr. Terry the 4th, Mr. Brickland the 5th, Mr. Yate the 6th, Mr. Smith the 7th, Mr. Baines the 8th, Mr. Lloyd the 9th, Mr. Benwell the 10th or Tenour.

When I mentioned afterwards my observations to the said Mr. Smith, he told me, that tho' he rung himself, yet he minded the faults also him-

self. Upon which I asked him, how many there were. He said three, before that which stopped them. I told him there were just five before that, at which he admired my niceness.

They rang in the said two hours and nineteen minutes 3475 changes, which wanted 3401 of the number proposed.

May 3 (Fri.). Last night Mr. Pococke, grandson of Dr. Pococke, called upon me, and told me (what I had not heard before) that Mr. Twells was created Master of Arts by Diploma by the Univ. of Oxford in Michaelmas Term (as he thought) last, and that in good measure by the Interest of Dr. Conybear, Dean of Christ Church. This Mr. Twells, who is 52 years old, had a wife and five children. His eldest son is scholar of Brasnose College. He hath wrote in defence of Gibson, Bishop of London, who, however, hath not considered him, and yet the Bishop put him upon it.

This day sennight (being Apr. 26) I saw Bishop Tanner at his Lodgings at Christ Church. He came from London the night before. He shewed me an old 4^{to} MS., written in the time of Hen. VI, in which are several things of English History in Latin, among which the coronation of Hen. VI. He said, he borrowed it on purpose for me, he did not tell me of whom. It was then very wet, and I was going farther Hinxsey way, not to return home 'till after some two or three hours, so I could not take it with me, but he said he would sent it me the next morning, but he hath not done it yet, it may be through forgetfulness. But my hands being full, I am not in hast.

May 4 (Sat.). Mr. Pegge was lately Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge. He is now publishing (if he meets with encouragement) a piece of Thomas Wakefield (the first Hebrew Professor at Cambridge) concerning the Hebrew Idioms, with some account of the Author's Life. Mr. Baker hath told him what he knows.

I have not access to our Registers now, so cannot consult them. And if I could, I believe I should find little or nothing about Thomas Wakefield. Mr. Wood's Papers 'tis probable would afford most, and yet I question, whether there be many things about him even there.

May 5 (Sun.). Pewter half pence and farthings, with a little bit of copper struck through the middle, went in the latter end of K. Charles II's reign, in the reign of K. James II, and the four first years of William & Mary.

Browne Willis called upon me yesterday in the forenoon. He told me, he had laid aside his Antiquities of Buckinghamshire long ago, & would never resume the undertaking, being now in the 51st year of his age, being born anno 1683.

They have four licensed Vintners in the University of Cambridge, & Mr. Baker thinks, they have always had the like number, since the Privilege was granted.

May 6 (Mon.). Bishop Burnet has (as Mr. Baker observes to me by

May 4, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 352) [see Diary, May 10].

May 6, 1734. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 302). Asks for information about any work of Andrew Borde which mentions Harrow on the hill.

Letter of Apr. 28 last from Cambridge) somewhere accounted for that Treatise of Polygamy &c. (i. e. his two cases of Polygamy and Divorce), and (as far as he remembers) dis-owns it, in the dress & manner, it now goes abroad. *No man* (saith Mr. Baker) *ever had more enemies, or has been more despitefully treated ; I wish, you could find time, to read his Life, wrote by his Son, which has given me more entertainment, than his History has done.*

Notwithstanding this, I am pretty sure of the genuiness (*sic*) of the two cases. I have them in MS. and they are sad wretched vile Stuff. I am
 10 also pretty well assured they were in the MS. of his History (that Libell) of his own Times, however left out by his son Thomas, author of his Life, who when young at Oxford bore the same character for modesty, probity and veracity with his father.

May 7 (Tu.). B. W—s¹ yesterday confirmed what I had heard, that Bishop Tanner had seventeen thousand librs. with his present wife, nay he said 'twas eighteen thousand pounds. He also confirmed what I had heard, that the Bishop is grown miserably covetous, whereas he bore a quite contrary character before. Yet for all this, I cannot but say, that his Lady bears a very good character.

20 To tell Mr. Edward Prideaux Gwyn, that 'twill be of speciall use to assign & settle the Bounds of Cities, Towns and parishes, from old Registers, and this he may think of with respect to his Antiquities of Devonshire.

May 8 (Wed.). Yesterday Mr. Bagger, above mentioned under May 1, called upon me again, a little before dinner time, or a little before
 12 Clock (for University hours of dining at 11 Clock, the good old way, are brought from 11 to 12) but I had one with me, and was very busy, so he was soon gone, and told me he was to go away from Oxford today. He is a Mumper.² I did not desire much conversation with him, he being
 30 indeed a perfect stranger. Nor did I know what he was, & what design he might have, having no manner of recommendation whatever. He said he saw Dr. Potter, Bishop of Oxford, on Monday May 6 last, the Bishop being then in Oxford, who was very kind to him he said, and gave him half a Guinea, for which he speaks well of the Bishop.

Yesterday in the afternoon a young servitour of University College called upon me, with a MS. written in Hen. VI's time. He came to ask me to tell him, what 5 or 6 words were in it, which he could not make out. He said he was told by Mr. Walwin, Fellow of that College, to come and ask me. I soon satisfied him, and he presently went off, so that I did
 40 not look over the book, or take the least note from it, or read any thing, but just those words he wanted to be satisfied in. He said he was transcribing it at the request of Mr. Thorpe, a commoner of that College. Mr. Thorpe gets it done for his father, Dr. Thorpe of Rochester. He said he sat up at it all Monday night, & was to do so all last, or Tuesday, night it being to be finished by this morning. It is the Statutes of the College of Wye in Kent. As I remember, they were made anno 1447,

¹ No doubt, Browne Willis.—ED.

² A beggar, *N. E. D.*

being the 25th year of Hen. VI. The young man said the MS. belongs to Merton College Library, tho' tis not in the printed Catalogue.

In the *Most Excellent way of Hearing Mass*, printed 1687, 12^o, are many curious things fit for Protestants to observe, without regard to superstitious errors.

Memorandum that in the Bodleian Library is a copy of Milles's Catalogue of Honor in the better Paper with Mr. Camden's emendations under his own hand.

May 9 (Thur.). Sir William Pole, a very learned & judicious antiquary, lived till the reign of K. Charles I. He left several volumes of 10 valuable collections behind, which in succeeding generations have been more generously lent by his descendants, than honestly returned by the borrowers. So I am told by Edward Prideaux Gwyn Esq. by letter from Ford Abbey in Devonshire, Mar. 14, 1733, who adds, that he never saw those that remain but once, and that cursorily, & some years agoe. He mentioned last summer, when he was here at Oxford at the Act, two folios of this Sir William's, which (he believes) were the peerage of England, and he hath heard his father (who formerly had the perusal of them both) say, that the later, which related to the old Baronies, several of whom, as is well known, are now in abeyance, was executed in a much 20 better and clearer method than Dugdale's. This Mr. E. P. Gwyn doubts is lost, for he hath heard the present Sir William often complain, that, at the desire of some friends, he lent a book to Collins the Printer, who in the late Queen's time employed some to abridge the Peerage, which by his breaking was never returned. This by his account Mr. Gwyn fears must be the second volume of this work.

May 10 (Fri.). Mr. Goole's book intituled, *The Hasty Marriage or the Contract violated*, is printed off, and Mr. West hath had a copy some time since. Upon perusal whereof, he finds the author's great provocations have made him exert his pen too smartly against his 30 Adversaries, their Counsell and the Dean of Arches. He therefore advised him to desist from the Publication, or otherwise he might render himself obnoxious to future Prosecutions. He is now correcting it, and some pages must be reprinted. As soon as Mr. West finds it published, he will endeavour to transmitt one to me. So his letter of May 4 last from London, in which he told me also, that he was just returned from Tewkesbury, where is a fine Conventual Church lately well repaired.

The late Richard Graves, of Mickleton in Gloucestershire Esq., had several original Charters & copies of others, relating to the Abbey of Tewksbury. Mr. West now hath them. Mr. Graves was writing the 40 History of the Abbey.

May 11 (Sat.). Mr. Rawlins, of Pophills in Warwickshire, told me last night (he being in Oxford) that Dr. Thomas, who put out a new edition of Dugdale's Antiquities of Warwickshire is about the Antiquities of Worcestershire. His said edition of Dugdale is universally condemned. I cannot judge myself, having never seen the Book.

From the Northampton Mercury for Monday, May 6 :—

London, May 2, 1734. On Saturday last the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop
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of Ely, after a long Hearing at Ely House, which lasted many days before his Lordship, upon the Articles exhibited against the Rev. Dr. Bentley, Master of Trinity College in Cambridge, gave sentence that Dr. Bentley was guilty of Dilapidations of the goods of the College and Violation of the Statutes, and that he had thereby incurred the Penalty of Deprivation of his office of Master of Trinity College. On Monday last a Mandate was sent down to Trinity College, Cambridge, for the Deprivation of the Rev. Dr. Bentley, Master of the said College, pursuant to the sentence of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Ely, visitor.

- 10 **May 12 (Sun.).** The following Inscription from Mr. West, by letter from the Inner Temple Dec. 17, 1733. It is on a Brass Plate, on the south isle of Dunstable Church:—*Hic Jacet Nicholaus LANE | quondam Presidens Fraternitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste de | Dunstable Qui obiit v die Mensis Decembr. anno | Domini M cccc LIX et Agnes uxor eius Quorum animabus | propicietur Deus Amen.*

On Thursday last, being the 9th of May, St. Mary's weather cock fell down, as the great bell was ringing at 9 Clock in the morning for a Congregation. It had been loose for some time. The cock fell upon the church, the tail into the churchyard. Upon the tail was fastened a piece
20 of lead, on which this Inscription

THOMAS BOWMAN
THOMAS ADAMS CHURCH WARDENS
GEORGE WEST ELECT CHURCHWARDEN
THIS STEEPLE WAS REPAIRED
AN. DOM. 1669.

Upon the cock was also an inscription, but, excepting here and there a letter, defaced, yet so as, perhaps, with pains the traces might be explained.

I was told the repair of the Steeple cost about 53 libs.

- 30 Between 20 and 30 years since, I think nearer 30 years agoe, the said Steeple was new pointed by a man, who was in many parts of England on the same account. He at that time took down the weather cock, & 'twas mended, and afterwards he fixed it again. I afterwards heard that that man was killed from some steeple he was pointing, the rope breaking which drew him up in the Bucket or frame prepared for him.

The oldest church Rate for St. Marie's is of the year 1509.

- Richard Fitz James, Bishop of London, repaired the said church of St. Marie. He became Bishop of London anno 1506. He bestowed much money in the said repair. He died anno 1521. He was first Bishop of
40 Rochester, being consecrated anno 1496, translated thence to Chichester anno 1504, and thence to London Aug. 2, 1506. It is commonly said, that he repaired St. Marie's in Hen. VII's time.

Edward Prideaux Gwyn Esq. did tell me, at Act time in 1733, that Sir William Pole's MS. in two large folios, was supposed to be in the hands of John Anstis Esq., as also a large fol. MS. being Transcripts from the Originals. The said E. P. Gwyn hath an abstract of this latter.

May 13 (Mon.). Wrote to Mr. Anstis today about Sir William Pole's MSS., particularly his Peerage.

What can be found out relating to Mr. Abraham Woodhead, shall be some time or other printed (if I live), but alas! how little will all that be, in respect to so good, so great, so humble and so learned a man. It may however make people judge of the rest, ex pede Herculem, ex ungue leonem. *Mr. Cuthbert Constable to me from Burton-Constable, Ap. 18.*

Mr. Samuel Johnston told the said Mr. Constable from Beverley, of the 9th of April, that Dr. Nath. Johnston's MSS. are now in the custody of Dr. Johnston's grandson, who has the care and management of them, the son being by age, infirmities and a long series of misfortunes, reduced to ¹⁰ such a state, as not to be capable of any Application to Business. At the same time he tells Mr. Constable that if he hath occasion to write to the young Gentleman, who has the possession of the MSS., he may direct his Letter to the Rev. Dr. Henry Johnston at Stow Market in Suffolk.

As to the Transcripts in the MSS. from other authors, Mr. Samuel Johnston believes they are both very numerous and large, and as the Dr. had a particular Intimacy with Dugdale, 'tis not improbable he may have learned or borrowed a good deal from him; but beside the quotations from printed Authors, which if the MSS. be published, may be omitted with references to the books in which they may be found, there are many and ²⁰ valuable Transcripts, as well from publick Records, as from original Deeds, and other authentick monuments, belonging to private Families, which may be of great use to Lovers of Antiquity, and perhaps are not to be met with in any other collection, nor easily to be come at, without great Labour, Time and Expence.

The Doctor died a rigid Nonjuror, and tho' reduced to very great necessity before his death refused to take the Oaths, upon an offer made him of a place in Chelsea Hospital by the Interest of Col. Hales, who in K. James's reign had been Governour, and I think was so at the Revolution. 30

The Benedictine's name was Henry, but better known in England by the name of Father Harrison, under which name he was proscribed, as supposed to be concerned in Lord Preston's plot, and escaped in a manner not less wonderful than that of K. Charles II in the west after the Battle of Worcester. So the said Mr. Samuel Johnston, who adds he hath heard his father say, he [the Benedictine] was author of those pamphlets published in the Popish Controversie (as 'tis called commonly) which were wrote in Defence of the Bishop of Condour against Dr. Wake, the present Archbishop of Canterbury, and he, Mr. Samuel Johnston, hath them now by him directed to his, Mr. Samuel Johnston's, father in his own ⁴⁰ handwriting as a Present. He finds his hand also in the same manner in another Pamphlet, intitled *Seek and you shall find*, which for that Reason he presumes might also be of his writing.

As to other matters, to which he is a stranger, he hath wrote (he saith) pretty fully to his Couzin, and hopes to be able to give Mr. Constable satisfaction, when he hath received his letter. His Couzin is often abroad, being Chaplain to the Bishop of Lincolne [Dr. Richard Reynolds] and has married Bishop Harris's sister [Dr. John Harris is Bp. of Landaff] so that his attendance upon them, and the prospect of their means of advancing his own Interest often call him from home. 50

May 14 (Tu.). Mr. Ward of Warwick, having, it seems, had an addition to his fortune, is now so very busy in managing a farm, and carrying on husbandry himself, that he cannot attend so much as he did to literary affairs. Being an ingenious man, he might be able to explain several passages of the old *Scriptores rei rusticae*, if he would read them over attentively, and joyn them with his practice of husbandry. This I mentioned to him by letter on the 6th instant.

To the Hon.^{ble} Cuthbert Constable Esq.

Sir,

10 I went last Wednesday to Rudston, where I found in the Quire of that Church, an Inscription (upon a copper plate) to the memory of Jane Constable; but from the Inconvenience of its situation (for it is just in the road to the high Altar) and the injuries of time, only a part of it is legible. The day of her death is intirely defaced, as well as part of the year in which she dyed. However, Sir, I here send you it as it is:—Pray for the Soules of Sir William Constable of Carthorp, Knyght, sone of Sir Robart Constable of Flamborough, Knyght, and of Jayne his wife, on of the Hairs of Thomas. . . . He dyed the 22^d of July in the year of our Lord God 1527. The said Jayne dyed the — day of November 1500; the rest is quite worn out. These are the figures
20 remaining MCCCC. It is great Pitty that no better care has been taken to preserve the memories of those whose charities have deserved so well from the hands of the rest of mankind.

I purposed to do my self the Honour of waiting upon you the last week with this imperfect account, but was prevented. What I could not do in person, I have taken the freedom to do under my hand, and doubt not but you have Goodness enough to excuse it from him who is, Sir,
with the utmost respect,

your most humble and most obedient servant,
G. Gowndril

30 Skirlaugh,
Ap. 8, 1734.

May 15 (Wed.). Mr. Constable (who sent me the said two letters to peruse) said his neighbour Sam. Johnston's account may be depended upon, he being so nigh a relation. He is sorry Mr. Gowndril could not make more out, concerning the inscription on Jane Constable of Carthorp's monument.

The Lady, whom I wrote about to Mr. Constable, was the Ladie or Dame Jane Constable, of Wassande in Holderness, in the Countie of York. She made her will Sept. 11, 1540, being then a widow. In it she says
40 'I bequeathe my bodie to be buried in the parishe church of All Sainctes in Rudston before the High Alter'. She died soon after in that very year; for 'xviii die mensis Decembris, anno domini MCCCCXL, directa fuit commissio decano de Holdernes, ad probandum dictum testamentum'. I believe therefore that Mr. Gowndril's 1500 should be read 1540.

May 16 (Thurs.). The *Scriptores Heidelbergenses*, being a collection of some of our oldest English historians, in folio, is dear enough at a Guinea, there being far better editions of all of them since; yet in

May 14, 1734. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 104) [see Diary, May 21].

May 15, 1734. John Anstis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 22) [see Diary, May 24, 26].

a sale of books now in Oxford, said to be the late Mr. Gardiner's of Corpus Christi Coll. Oxon. (and some of them I believe were his) the bookseller, who hath them, hath prized it at 50 shillings, saying that another copy was prized by one Osbourne, a London bookseller, in another sale at 5 lbs.

The antient and modern History of the famous City of York. By Thomas Gent printed (I suppose at York) 1730, 8^{vo}.

May 17 (Fri.). Mr. Theobalds (Mr. Baker tells me) is a very Genteel man and has showed himself a scholar in Shakespeare, which I just run over, and might (were it not quite out of my way) have made 10 observations. I noted, however, that he had taken too great liberty; I wish rather he had followed the first editions very exactly, be they faulty or not. Shakespeare wanted learning. He was guilty of pseudography, sometimes perhaps designedly. He, Mr. Theobalds, is too loth in bringing his own conjectures into the Text, which (it may be) will lay him too open to his adversaries, and make them say, Shakespeare wants as much to be restored as ever, and that his edition is not of much greater Authority than that of Mr. Pope, who is much inferior to Mr. Theobalds in Learning. Mr. Theobalds hath all along very often justly enough discovered & reflected upon Mr. Pope's defect, which will, without doubt, nettle 20 Mr. Pope, who, however, may thank himself, he having in his Dunciad (a scurrilous piece against many of the greatest men of the age) treated Mr. Theobalds in a very barbarous manner, for which Mr. Pope is much blamed. Mr. Theobalds was not of the University of Cambridge, nor, I presume, of any. He wrote a play, before he was 19 years of age, and has since translated several from the Greek. He had a very able school-master, Mr. Ellis of our University, and some while of the University of Cambridge, under whom he was well grounded.

May 18 (Sat.). Καὶ τὴν Βυζαντίων καὶ Περυνθίων εὐχαριστίαν, Demosthenes Pro Ctesiphonte p. 283. This justifies εὐχαριστεῖ in Lord Pembroke's 30 βουσιτροφηδόν.

May 17, 1734. Edmund Hearne, at Cleve Hill, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 370). 'About a fortnight since I received a letter from sister Dean. She told me she heard from you some time before. I was very glad to hear from you and should be glad of the opportunity of seeing you all, but I being so remote and my master very infirm a great deal of bussness lies upon me, as thirty men and upwards to look after, with payments and keeping accounts. So I hope you will excuse till time will permit. I write to sister Dean last Wednesday. She told me in her letter that mother-in-law was very well some time before. She sent to me about six months since that she took care of those things you gave me. I have ordered her some small mater att severall times from Mr. Bacon, who has some little money of mine in his hands. All the talk hear is of elections which runs very much of the high side. We have to very honourable ones for the County of Gloucester. Att Bristol it goes against Baron Scroope. I would beg to hear from you sometimes.'

May 18, 1734. Thomas Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 287). Has not yet received H.'s last book. Has not much leisure because of the elections 'together with the Post¹ I am in at Warwick' [see Diary, June 26].

¹ i. e. Mayor.—ED.

May 19 (Sun.). On Friday morning last died at Hurst in Berkshire, Mrs. Pryse, wife of Walter Pryse Esq., the Attorney and Grandmother of Mr. Langton, Gentleman Commoner of Magd. College Oxon. She had the character of a very good, pious, virtuous woman. She proved a great fortune to Walter Pryse, who is many years younger than she. He told me some time ago, that he was born in 1685, but she was upwards, as I am told, of 70.

Bishop Tanner preached at Christ Church before the University on Sunday the 12th inst., notwithstanding an ill state of health.

- 10 **May 20 (Mon.).** Bishop Tanner (when I saw him last, which was on Apr. 26 last) just shewed me a very large Parchment old Roll, relating to Yorkshire, but what it contained I know not, but I think many things of use to him in his *Notitia Monastica*, which he hath brought to Yorkshire. He said, he borrowed it of the Archbishop of York, Dr. Blackbourne.

Notwithstanding the newes in the Prints is true [about Dr. Bentley's being deprived of his Presidentship of Trinity College by the Bishop of Ely, visitor of that College] yet that Great man goes on & acts as formerly, and yesterday [May 11] in a high instance. How long it will be so, is more than I know. *Mr. Baker from Cambridge May 12.*

- 20 I do not remember that Mr. Tyrrell says anything of Walter Coventry; his books I have not now by me, having borrowed them from another College, where I cannot now easily come at 'em. *Idem ibidem.*

May 21 (Tu.). Thuanus in VII volumes in folio, printed at London, came out before last Christmass. I have not looked into it. I do not hear anyone speak thereof, so that the Character of the Edition does not seem to be great, as indeed I did not expect much, by the specimen, from it, all agreeing, with whom I spoke, that 'twould be patch-work.

- Mr. John Murray hath abundance of little curious scarce Tracts, which he designs to consult and look over, to see whether there be any thing
30 among them of Andrew Borde, and by his letter of the 14 inst. from London he tells me he will send me word of the issue of his search, when he comes to Sacomb in Hartfordshire, where his little Tracts are, which will be soon after Midsummer next.

Lord Oxford (Mr. Murray told me) hath Andrew Borde's book of the *Introduction of Knowledge*, and my Lord thinks he hath some other pieces by the same author. Mr. Murray knows nothing of Borde's *Peregrination*, quoted by Norden.

- Andrew Borde wrote the *Book of the Wise men of Gotam*. I want to know, when 'twas first printed, and whether or no it hath not been
40 altered. It relates to several ancient Customs, now grown obsolete in Lincolnshire, and should have been taken notice of by Mr. Blount in his Book of Tenures.

I begin to think that Borde was Author of the *History of Tom Thumb*. It relates to some dwarf, and he is reported to have been King Edgar's

May 21, 1734. H. to Cuthbert Constable (MS. Eng. Misc. C. 88. 43). Is sure that Dr. Nathaniel Johnston transcribed the Dodsworth MSS. before they reached the Bodleian. Thinks that the date on the tomb of Dame Constable must be 1540 not 1500.

dwarf, but we want history for it, and I fear the Author Borde (or whoever he was) had only tradition, the originals being perhaps lost before Hen. VIII's time.

This day I sent back by the Post to Cuthbert Constable Esq. the two letters, he lent me, written by Mr. Samuel Johnston, and Mr. G. Gowndril, mentioned above.

May 22 (Wed.). I was told last night, that the Story of Sir Simeon Stuart of Hampshire's finding a great quantity of broad pieces of gold in his garden, of which I gave an account formerly, is not true.

What makes me think *Tom Thumb* is founded upon history, is the ¹⁰ method of those times of turning true history into little pretty stories, of which we have many instances, one of which is Guy of Warwick, which however corrupted and blended with fabulous accounts, is however in the main very true, as may appear from *Girardus Cornubiensis* that I printed at the end of the *Chronicle of Dunstaple*.

May 23 (Thur.). Yesterday in the forenoon I accidentally saw, and exchanged a very few words with, an old schoolfellow, Mr. Samuel Cherry, whom I had not seen for many years, never since Queen Anne's time when I saw him in the Bodleian Gallery, at which time he was an Ensign. He told me he was still a souldier, being now a Lieutenant, and came ²⁰ yesterday from Bister to see some body at Oxford. He is the elder Brother of my late dear friend Mr. Thomas Cherry who died in 1706, whom I have mentioned in Leland's Itinerary. But he is nothing near so personable a man as his said brother. I went to school with both of them at Bray in Berks. Their Uncle was William Cherry Esq., father of my best friend Mr. Francis Cherry. I should have been glad to have had a pretty deal of Conversation with this Mr. Sam. Cherry, had a convenient opportunity offered, that we might have been private, and had not he been of the Georgian strain, as without doubt he is, being an officer in George's ³⁰ army.

There was a sister (Mrs. Mary Cherry) of these two brothers, who was one of the most beautiful young women in England. I know not, whether she be still living. She had virtues equal to her beauty.

May 24 (Fri.). From Mr. Anstis, 15 May, 1734:—

When I received your first letter about *Scala Mundi*, I shewed it to Mr. West, acquainting him that I had obtained an order of the Chapter some years since, for the loan of any of our old MSS. to you, upon any person's giving a note for the safe return of them, which is a favour that was never granted to any other person; and that upon that condition, Mr. West might take it for you. I acquainted Mr. Murray afterwards with the same; and ⁴⁰ I suppose neither of them wrote you of it. In April I received another letter that at present you had no occasion for it. When you have, you will write to some of your friends, to give a receipt for it to the Office.

Mr. Anstis guesses right. I never had any notice either from Mr. West or Mr. Murray. Nor did Mr. West say anything in the least about it,

May 23, 1734. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 304). Hopes M. will make some discoveries about Andrew Borde 'who seems to me to be a virtuous good man, notwithstanding what some persons, out of spleen, reported of him'.

when he was in Oxford on March the 17th last, tho' I spent the whole evening with him. But Mr. Murray, in his letter from London of the 14th, tells me that if in any thing he can be serviceable, none shall be readier than himself.

May 25 (Sat.). Mary Stuart, Queen of Scots : being the Secret History of her Life [by Mr. Brantome], translated from the French. The second edition, printed for D. Browne junior, at the Black-Swan without Temple-Bar. MDCCXXVI, 8^{vo}.

The great many Love-Letters and verses, which were infamous, produced against the Queen and pretended to be written by her to Bothwell, were really (in all probability) written in her name by her natural brother James Stuart, Earl of Murray, who had often counterfeited the Queen's hand-writing, yet not without the assistance and invention of Buchanan.

May 26 (Sun.). Dr. Thomas Parnell was archdeacon of Clogher in Ireland. He was a very ingenious man. His poems were published by Mr. Pope. He took at last to immoderate drinking of mild ale, which killed him when he was hardly 40. 'Tis said he translated Homer's Iliad into English in excellent Prose, and that Mr. Pope afterwards put it into verse, and that this is what goes for Mr. Pope's Translation of the Iliad, tho' he (Mr. Pope) understands little or nothing of the original.

From Mr. Anstis's letter of May 15 :—Sir William Pole of Devonshire, who had been bred a lawyer (of whom I suppose there is an account in that silly book *Damnonii illustres*) was a gentleman of great knowledge in the Laws and Antiquities of this realm, and made a large Collection. In Queen's College Library, you will find a transcript made by Ralf Broke of a volume of deeds about Devonshire, and there is a volume there of his own hand. Mr. Anstis cannot at the Heralds Office refer to it, because the Catalogue he made of those MSS. in that College is at Mortlake. The son of this Sir William was created a Baronet, and trod in his father's steps, and he drew up an account of the Peerage, whereof Mr. Anstis had a copy, ending with Ed. IV, and he caused schemes to be transcribed from it in the pedigree manner (the same being wrote in a continued discourse) which are bound up with several other of his (Mr. Anstis's) collections. The first Sir William wrote a short narrative of the county of Devon, which Mr. Anstis caused to be transcribed at length from the original lent him by the present Sir William Pole, who obliged Mr. Anstis likewise with the loan of some other volumes. But the greatest part of the collections were plundered in the time of the Rebellion. Mr. Anstis does not know or remember that Collins had ever the use of these collections about the Peerage (which was only in one not two volumes) and which with several others Mr. Anstis returned to Sir William himself, who without doubt hath it in his custody, having first caused the same to be put into Schemes. By what he saw, Mr. Anstis takes these two persons, the Father and the Son, equalled any persons of their times.

May 27 (Mon.). A Critical Review of the Publick Buildings, Statues and Ornaments in and about London and Westminster; London, 1734, 8^{vo}, price one shilling and sixpence.

The author, whoever he be, is an ill-natured, conceited, censorious, prophane Pedant. 'Tis dedicated to the Earl of Burlington, whom he makes to be the only true judge of building. He undertook the book, to be sure, out of spleen, and with a design that buildings should be pulled down, that others may be put up in their stead by such as he, who aim at wealth. I like what he says of King James II's statue in brass at Whitehall, viz. the attitude is fine, the manner free and easy, the execution ¹⁰ finished and perfect, and the expression in the face inimitable. It explains the very soul of that unhappy monarch and is therefore as valuable as if it commemorated the features and form of a hero.

From Mr. Bagford's notes *penes me* MS.:—It appears there was an old version of the singing psalms (before Sternhold & Hopkins's) which used to be sung in churches; they are in the Common Prayer printed by Crowley. Caxton, tho' not the first printer in England, yet the first who printed in English books. Caxton was author & printer, & had binders within his own house; at that time no such trade as bookseller. The number of impressions of his books 3 or 400, most in folio, some few in ²⁰ 4^{to}; the life of St. Wenefrid in a pot folio 1495. Mr. Bagford believes there was printing at Oxon before 1468. The Game of Chess was the first book printed in English. The 1st impression hath not his devise, the second hath, appearing thereby to be printed 1474. Mr. Bullard & Mr. John Murray went with Mr. Bagford to Harlem in 1707. He, Mr. Bagford, had been there before in April 1705 in the company of Mr. John Bullard, and Mr. Ball about the Cotton Library.

To desire Mr. Murray to look over Baskerville's Flying History, and see whether he says any thing about *The wise men of Golam* and *Tom Thumb*. 30

May 28 (Tu.). [Quotations from 'the above mentioned Critical Review'.]

May 29 (Wed.). Mr. Loveday of Magd. College hath a silver penny of John Balliol's, King of Scotland. On one side IOHANNES · DEI · GRATIA; on the other CIVITAS · SANDREE, a cross with four mullets.

May 28, 1734. Hearne to Bishop Tanner (Rawl. 26. 66). Asks if he may be lent the MS. containing facts about the coronation of Hen. VI, which the Bishop showed him on Ap. 26 and offered to lend him.

May 29, 1734. Bp. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 16. 128). 'I am sorry you would not come up yesterday; tho' I had been a little ruffled in the morning with my Physick, your conversation would have been great refreshment to me. I have endeavoured more than once to have made you a visit at your own Chamber, but your neighbours of Queen's have so stopped up the way with stones that my Coach could not get into the lane, and I was not well able to walk so far on foot.' Will return from Wales in September; would be glad to see H. before he starts 'this day sennight'.

May 29, 1734. Bishop Tanner to H. (Rawl. MS. B. 198. 119) [*see* Diary, May 31].

Mr. Theobalds, I am told, is about an edition of Æschylus in Greek and Latin. Quaere, whether it be not that left by Dr. Needham.

Mr. Alexander Pope, who is looked upon as one of the most cursed ill-natured proud fellows in the world, was however very kind and dutiful to his mother, who hath not been dead long. This Pope lives generally at Thistleworth.¹

May 30 (Thur.). Yesterday morning, about 10 Clock, Merton College, or St. John Baptist, great Bell in Oxford rang out, for the death of Dr. John Holland, Warden of Merton College who died at Worcester 10 on Tuesday last, May 28. He became Warden of that College in 1709, upon the death of Dr. Edm. Marten. He was also Rector of Great Hendred in Berks and Prebendary of Worcester. He took the degree of M.A. June 25, 1691, and that of B. and D.D. July 14, 1707. He spent his life in celibacy. He was a great and professed Whig. He was commonly called *dull John* from his stupidity. He was a strong lusty man.

Yesterday in the afternoon the bells rang for Mr. Bew, keeper of the Bear Inn in Allhallows parish Oxford, whose wife died not long ago. He died yesterday at that Inn of a fever, being about 54 or 55 years old, 20 a strong lusty proper man of a good character. His distemper a fever. He hath left behind him by his said wife nine children. [NB. He was buried on Friday night May 31.]

May 31 (Fri.). Bishop Tanner told me by letter from Christ Church, of the 29th last, that he remembers one old book, under Dr. Andrew Boorde's name, heretofore among Bishop Moore's books, entitled *The principles of Astronomy, the whiche diligently persecuted is in a manner a Prognostication to the World's end*, in xiii chapters, beginning *Hit is gretly to be dolentyed*, London, printed by Rob. Copland in 12^o, without the year. He refers in this to his *Breviary of Health* printed by Will. 30 Middleton, to his *Introduction to Knowledge now empyrnting at old Rob. Copland's the eldest printer of England, the which doth print this year my prognostications*; at the end he tells his Readers, that *he wrote and made this litill warke in four days written with one old pen without mending*

Mr. Wood saith his *Breviary of Health* was in four books. Bishop Tanner hath two editions, in which are only two books, and the latter is chiefly about Urines which Bale & Pits have made another work of. Besides the tales of the *Men of Gotham*, he collected and published the idle book, so often printed in Duck lane & sold by the Pedlers, called *Scogan's Jests*. His *book of Travels* is cited in Norden's *Speculum Britan-* 40 *niae*, p. 13. From Bishop Tanner.

June 1 (Sat.). Mr. Wood reflects (by the advice of some of his Popish correspondents) too severely upon Bishop Ponet & Bale, for what they say of Dr. Andrew Boorde's lewdness. One that was no Bishop, William

May 31, 1734. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 288). Sends four rolls [see Diary, June 15].

¹ i. e. Isleworth.—ED.

Harrison in his description of England before Hollinshead, p. 172, calls this Dr. Boord *a lewde popish hypocrite*, and *an ungratious priest*. He was a Priest, being reckoned among the Charterhouse Monks, who were such when they made their submission, as may be seen in Rymer Vol. XIV, p. 492. So Bishop Tanner in his Letter of May 29.

But I must needs say that I think Boorde was a virtuous man, and did not deserve the character of being lewd, notwithstanding what two or three have said to the contrary. Bale's ill nature and rancour are well enough known, and I think Mr. Wood's remark is just enough.

Dr. Holland, Warden of Merton College, being brought from Worces-¹⁰ ter in an Herse, was buried at Merton College last night, in a Vault in the Church before the entrance into the Chappel, in which Vault his mother was buried. He was born at Worcester. He died in the 69th year of his age. He died in his chair of the gout in the stomach.

June 2 (Whit-Sunday). Andrew Boorde in his MS. Peregrination mentions Harrow on the Hill as a Mercat Town in his time. Mr. Norden in his Middlesex quotes him for it. 'Tis not so now.

A charter for a mercat & fair was granted to it 8 Ed. II; so in a note given me on Friday, in the forenoon, May 31 by Bishop Tanner.

A Journal or Account of William Daniel, his late expedition or Under-²⁰ taking, to go from London to Surrot, in India, giving a short but impartial relation of the dangers, distresses, fatigues and hinderances, happening to him during the said Expedition till his Return to England. London, 1702, 8^o, in a large letter in six sheets and one half.

There is but little of good remark in this book. 'Tis very scarce, there being a very few copies only printed, viz. for the author to dispose of as presents.

Mr. William Beckett of Abbingdon, chirurgeon, told me yesterday, that he had several things of Dr. Andrew Boorde's, & that he would collect some remarks about him.

I much question whether he were really the author of Scogan's Jest. Mr. Beckett said, A. B. is put to it, signifying Andrew Boorde. But this might be put by some busy body, or indeed it may signify some one else. Mr. Beckett said he began to think that *merry Andrew* had the name from him.

Indeed he continuing firm to his Principles, made people envy him, & fix stories upon him. His firmness made him reflect upon some English men that wavered. And hence, as I take it, the verses of the fickleness of an Englishman in his Introduction to Knowledge.

I was told on Wed. last, that Mr. Willis talks of printing the Antiquities⁴⁰ of that Hundred of Buckinghamshire, where he lives.

At that time also I heard, that Sir Thomas Sebright is about parting with his MSS. and that the Earl of Oxford is to have them. But I gave little credit to what I heard on that account.

June 3 (Mon.). Having sent some very few cursory notes, relating to Mr. Theobald's Shakespeare, to Mr. Baker of Cambridge, in his letter of May 26 he writes thus:—'You have showed yourself a true Critic upon Mr. Theobald, and a very candid censurer of his Adversary [Mr. Alexander Pope], for which I can not blame you, for it is very Christian to be forgiving.

I must confess that I, tho' less concerned, had some Indignation, & for that reason partly, became a Subscriber. I wish Mr. Theobald had been known to you; I know of none, that could have done him better service, if you had had leisure (*sic*) from more serious studies. I had gone no further than his Preface, which bears pretty hard upon his Adversary.'

On Saturday June 1, 1734, the Citation at Merton College was put up, for an election of a warden of that College in room of Dr. John Holland.

June 4 (Tu.). In a letter of Mr. Baker of May 26, he thanked me
10 for what I sent him from a letter of Dr. Edward Bernard's concerning that great man [Dr. Richard Bentley] who yet goes on, and acts as formerly [in Trinity College, notwithstanding his being deprived by the Bishop of Ely]. 'The Execution of the Sentence is by Statute in the Vice-master. He that was in that Post has resigned, and another chose entirely in the Master's interest, who will never proceed against him, unless compelled, & how that must be done, is more than I (saith Mr. Baker) know. In the meanwhile *plectuntur Achivi*, which I am sorry for'.

June 5 (Wed.). I am told, the Rev. Mr. Peareth, vicar of Aldworth
20 in Berks, died about two months since, much lamented, being very well beloved there. He was Fellow of St. John's College in Cambridge (to which the Vicarage belongs) where he bore a very good character.

I am told by Mr. Baker, Dr. Mangey's Philo is at last in the Press. It is a great work, & he has been at a great expence in collecting materials, which are so considerable, that they will sufficiently compensate to his Subscribers, for this long delay.

Mr. Carte's work [of the History of the old Duke of Ormond &c.] likewise meets with some delay, from his Infirmities, having been much disabled of late by a Rheumatism, but is now pretty well recovered.
30 Mr. Baker is told by a good hand, that he might have been Dean of Windsor, if he could have accepted, and I have indeed heard himself say the same thing. He is in Orders, tho' he appears (I know not for what reason) in a Lay Habit.

Bishop Tanner went this day for Wales, with a design to stay there till September.

June 6 (Thur.). Dr. George Clarke is now in London, where a monument is working for him, and he is there purely to direct and see it done, intending to have it done in his Life time.

The living of Great Hendred, void by Dr. Holland's death, is given by
40 Dr. Benj. Hoadley, Bishop of Salisbury (in whose gift it is) to Mr. Rolleston, of Merton College, nephew to Dr. Richard Mead.

The *Critical Review*, above mentioned under May 27, is much scouted at London and elsewhere. I was told last night, that the author was supposed to be a clergyman. The person that told me is a Londoner, a Limner. I told him that the clergy were abused in it, upon which he

June 6, 1734. Clement Cottrell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 257). Sends five guineas.

said he was mistaken he believed, as to the Author's being a clergyman. The said Limner is very great with Dr. Stukeley. He said the Author, whoever he was, was very ignorant & conceited, and an affecter of technical and out of the way words, just like your pedants. When he said 'twas supposed to be a clergyman, Surely, said I, Dr. Stukeley had no hand in it. He said certainly not.

June 7 (Fri.). The Limner (whom I have mentioned above) seemed to be an ingenious man. He hath done business in many families of distinction. Speaking of the fate of Hollar & many other ingenious men (one of whom was John Stowe; who wrote the Survey and Annals) he ¹⁰ said he was weary of running after great men and great families; many whereof that pretend to be great judges, are very ignorant, & very regardless of men of merit, being wholly addicted to vanity and pleasure. He is 45 years old.

Yesterday died of a dropsy Mr. Court, Head Cook of Merton College, a very hard drinker, in the prime of his age. [He was buried at St. John Baptist's tonight, he being of that parish].

After my return today from my country walk, I met in high street the foresaid Limner. He said the Prince of Orange's picture, done by himself, was come to Oxford, a present to be put in the Bodl. Gallery. He ²⁰ would have had me to see it at his Inn (I think the Angel); I excused myself, being in hast. Nor had I ever seen the original, viz. the Prince, nor am I fond of such sights.

June 8 (Sat.). The foresaid Limner, or Painter, is a mighty admirer of Dr. Stuckley, thinking him to be a very great antiquary and scholar, and to be extremely well versed in drawing, and a great judge of painting. Most others, especially such as are impartial, look upon the Doctor as superficial.

On the 1st inst., Mr. Loveday gave me a parcel of prized auction Catalogues (among which is *Auctio Davisiana* in 3 parts), which may in ³⁰ several respects prove of good use, especially to men of such a temper as Ant. Wood was of, who used such Catalogues to good purpose when he was compiling his *Athenae*.

There can be nothing about Andrew Borde in Mr. Hare's MSS. Additions to Athenae Oxon. See vol. 130, p. 9.

June 9 (Sun.). Mr. Loveday left with me last night, an old MS. on vellum, for me to look upon, and to give my opinion what the value of it may be, being desired so to do by Mr. Audley of Magd. Coll. who is in the Country, and sent it to him. I take it to have been written in the time of Ed. III. 'Tis a fair MS. in quarto. It contains *Allegoria* ⁴⁰ *Bibliae secundum Petrum Comestorem*, magistrum Historiarum; and *Medulla Bibliae in compendio*; I take Peter Comestor also to be author. I think it may be worth half a Guinea, or 10s. and 6d.

June 10 (Mon.). Mr. Stowe in his Annals, ed. fol. p. 112, quotes and confutes a passage in *The true portraiture of the countenances and attires of*

June 10, 1734. H. to Thomas Ward (Rawl. 27 C. 288). Returns the rolls [see Diary, June 15].

the Kings of England, &c., collected by T. T. I do not know what this is, tho' I think I have seen some such thing. I am sure there is a table handed about much in the same nature, but then this is more late, and taken, at least in good measure, from John Taylour, the Water Poet, in whose works are many historical passages, that may be relyed on, he being a very honest man.

I wrote some time since to Dr. Richard Richardson of Yorkshire, to know if Ingleborough Hill in that County be not the highest hill in England. He wrote to his son of Univ. Coll., who signified it to me 10 today—that he believes it is, and he thinks that he hath not seen one hill in Wales hardly higher, or if higher but very little.

June 11 (Tu.). A fortnight since was in Oxford Sir Blunden Charleton Bart. of Herefordshire. He was formerly Gent. Com. of Edm. Hall, where he called now when he was in Town. He was of the Hall about two years. He left in 1699. He is 53 years old. His father, Sir Francis Charleton, hath been dead 3 or 4 years. He hath a son Fellow of All Souls, who was before Gent. Com. of Christ Church. This Sir Blunden is a man of very little understanding, being indeed, as it were, a meer ideot.

20 Beaupré Bell junior Esq. is a man of honour. He is heir to a thousand pound per an. or better, & has a Soul large enough for his fortunes, but his Father is too close handed in his allowance, tho' he has no other son to leave his estate to. This Gentleman is my friend & encourages, & often, tho' at a distance, assists me, by sending, and several times by giving, me curious papers, for which reason I have oftentimes made publick mention of him.

I sent some time ago a note to Mr. Baker of Cambridge of the books Bishop Williams gave to their College Library. He told me my account was pretty exact. He told me thereupon, that his books when received 30 by the College, such as were wanting, were reserved in the Library, such as were duplicates or imperfect were sold, and with the produce a purchase made of lands near Cambridge to the value of 20 libs. per an., out of which 6 lib. 13s. 4d. has been paid annually to the Library Keeper, the rest towards the purchase of books.

June 12 (Wed.). Not long before Dr. Needham died, Mr. Baker told me that his *Æschylus* went on but slowly. Nor had he heard any thing of it for some time, nor of Mr. Stanley's son being an author or translator. I understood afterwards that Dr. Needham had finished *Æschylus* for the Press, and left it to Dr. Mead. Dr. Needham's other 40 design of a *Valor Beneficiorum*, is in good measure anticipated by Mr. Willis, whose books are publick. But to confess the truth, Dr. Needham never designed by this a publick work, but only to get an account of the true value of the Livings, purely for his own use and satisfaction, but whether he had got a compleat account, I much question, since tho' I got him the College Livings for the greatest part in our Univ., yet I was denied an account at Christ Church, not indeed by a downright refusal, but by such frivolous excuses, as I could not but look upon as a denial. Had Dr., now Br., Tanner been there then, it may be

I might have succeeded, and perhaps Dr. Needham might (since my pains for him) apply to Dr. Tanner.

June 13 (Thur.). Mr. Pope is extremely nettled at Mr. Theobald for publishing Shakespeare, and animadverting upon him the said Pope, and Mr. Pope, as I find, in defence of himself uses nothing but scurrilities, and the most indecent unbecoming language, agreeable to his pride, being said by impartial men to be one of the proudest creatures living.

My Aunt Page, in a letter of May 12 last, from the Hospitall at Bray near Maidenhead in Berks, tells me, that she was fourscore and 3 years of age last March, and that her husband had been dead two years. His ¹⁰ name was Henry Page. She is younger sister to my mother, who hath been dead many years, and both were the daughters of Thomas Wise of Shottesbrooke.

June 11 (Fri.). Yesterday Dr. Rob. Wyntle, a Physician, Dr. John Martin, a Physician also, and Mr. Richard Meadowcourt, a Divine, all three Fellows of Merton College, were elected and returned to the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is Visitor of that College, in order that the Archbishop may elect one of them to be Warden of that College, in room of Dr. John Holland deceased.

Dr. Daniel Waterland in p. 166 of his Critical History of the ²⁰ Athanasian Creed, ed. 2. makes *Prima* or *the Prime* to be seven in the morning, whereas 'twas six,¹ as may appear from my Glossary to Langtoft p. 669.

June 15 (Sat.). On Monday last I returned, carriage paid, to Mr. Ward, 4 rolls he had lent me the week before, one of which was the Inventory of Goods &c. of Richard Beauchamp, Earl of Warwick. They were lent him by Mr. James Fish of Warwick, which if they afforded me (as they did indeed) any entertainment, Mr. Ward said he should endeavour to procure more of the same sort. I have given a note of them in another book. One of those four rolls was the Customs of Which-³⁰ wood Forest. This may deserve, perhaps, to be printed. I have transcribed it in that other book.²

June 16 (Sun.). When Mr. West was in Oxford, on May 29 last, he gave me Mr. Goole's book about his case with Dr. Hudson's daughter. It appears plainly from thence, that there was a most solemn contract between them, and that Mr. Goole acted very honourably with respect to that contract.

There is some little controversy at the beginning about her age, in which Mr. Goole is mistaken, occasioned by an alteration of the date written by Dr. Hudson's own hand in a bible. I never saw that Bible, ⁴⁰ in which Mr. Goole observes 'tis corrected 1712, whereas it should

June 13, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 59) [see Diary, June 21, 22, 25].

¹ Prime was often at seven.—Ed.

² Now Hearne's Diary, vol. 172.

be 1710, and confirms it by Dr. Hall's Preface to Josephus, in which Dr. Hall says Dr. Hudson's daughter was *novem annorum*, when Dr. Hudson died anno 1719. But Mr. Goole is out in his correction. I have the time of her birth put down at the time, in vol. 130 of these Remarks at the end. By my account Dr. Hudson was married Apr. 2, 1710; his daughter Margaret, about whom the dispute is, was born Tuesday July 24, 1711, and baptized Thursday Aug. 2, 1711. So she was in her ninth year, when her father Dr. Hudson died.

At the end of Mr. Goole's book is Dr. Hudson's Will, dated Sept. 27, 10 1719. But in it is no mention of his Books, all which, viz. as many as were not there before, he gave by will to Univ. Coll. Library, and accordingly by virtue thereof they had them, and the rest were sold by auction.

On Wed. last, June 12, Mr. John Loveday of Magd. Coll. had his Grace for the Degree of M.A. and was presented to it the same day in the Convocation house, a dispensation for Circuiting and Visiting being granted.

June 17 (Mon.). Wrote today to Mr. West of the Inner Temple to know how Mr. Goole came to omitt the clause about Dr. Andrew's 20 books in the copy of the will of the Doctor, which he (Mr. Goole) hath printed.

Yesterday morning preached at St. Marie's before the University, as a member of Balliol College, Mr. Jonah Chesterman M.A. He preached in the morning. He preached for Dr. Robert Shippen, Principal of Brasenose College, who never yet preached before the University.

Mr. Chesterman told me on Saturday night last he was entered in 1706, tho' he did not take his Degree of M.A. (which he did as a member of Ball. Coll.) till May 27, 1717.

30 Mr. Chesterman was born at Reading. He is now Curate at Silchester in Hampshire, of which Dr. Paris, a Cantabrigian, is Rector. Mr. Chesterman is writing a short Epitome of Roman History. He says, 'tis only for his own use.

Mr. Akers, the canting Rector of Newbury in Berks, had a daughter, a most notorious Whore, so common & scandalous, that nothing could be more. She died about two years since of the small Pox, and upon her death bed, she desired Mr. Chesterman, to whom she had confest every-thing, to preach a funeral Sermon upon her. She named the text herself, viz. Job XLII. 6 *Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and* 40 *ashes.* Mr. Chesterman accordingly preached, and the Church of Newbury (a very large one) was so full of all sorts of people, not only people of the Church of England, but of Presbyterians, quakers, anabaptists and all sorts of others, that a pin could hardly be put between one another (I use Mr. Chesterman's expression) who came on purpose to hear, what Mr. Chesterman could say. She died (it seems) a true penitent, and was about 30 years old. She was married. Her Husband is living.

Doctor J. Taylor wrote an account of Flodden field battle; see Vol. 43 of these Remarks, p. 175. The said Doctor's Diary was much made use of by Lord Herbert in his Hen. VIII. He was Doctor of Law.

June 18 (Tu.). Mr. A. Blackwall, author of *The sacred Classicks* and an *Introduction to the Classics*, wrote also (tho' his name be not to it) *A new Latin Grammar being a short, clear and easy Introduction of young scholars to the knowledge of the Latin tongue, containing an exact account of the two first parts of Grammar, With an Index.* London, 1728, 8vo. 'Tis in English. There are abundance of Latin words for examples in it, without the translation of them, which should have been added, since some of them are hard. Of some indeed he does give the English; so he should of all. Page 33 he says *bos* is *a bull or cow*. Page 45 he hath the word *potamgiton*, which he observes ¹⁰ to be of the masculine gender. I suppose it should be *potamogiton* (*water-grass*) which is masc. and fem.

Dr. Coxhead, Warden of New College, hath this year made a door out of his Lodgings into the street, a thing much taken notice of, as against the Statutes, by persons that are not for Innovations.

June 19 (Wed.). We have an account from the Prints that on the 12th inst. new Style, James Fitz-James (eldest natural son of the late King James II), Duke of Berwick, was killed before Philipsburgh by a Canon Ball, upon which his sister the Dutchess of Buckinghamshire, the Lady Viscountess Falmouth, and the Hon. Mrs. Arabella ²⁰ Dunch of Whitehall, are going into deep mourning for his death. He was natural son of the said K. James II by Mrs. Arabella Churchill, sister of the late Duke of Marlborough, and had the title of Duke of Berwick, as likewise the Garter, conferred upon him by that Prince. He served in the French Army from his Infancy, and distinguished himself in several Actions during the late War. He rose to be Marshal of France, the highest Honour the Christian King can bestow, not more by favour than by his services to that Prince, and as he was one of the oldest, so he was the best General the French had. He has left three sons, the eldest Duke of Fitz-James, the second Duke of Liria in Spain, having ³⁰ received that honour from his Catholick Majesty, whose Ambassador he was some time to the Court of Vienna, and the third is in the service of the Church. The Duke was slain, as he was bravely acting against the Emperor. in behalf of the French, in the present war between both.

Mr. Baker did send me some Remarks relating to Andrew Borde; see Vol. 141, p. 134.

June 20 (Thur.). Quaere, who was the original compiler of the book called *Catholicon*, a Lexicon formerly of great use, & much quoted by Writers about the time of Hen. VI &c. It was printed, I think, by Winkin de Worde. I have seen it and perused it formerly, but have it not. ⁴⁰

June 21 (Fri.). Wrote today to Mr. George Holmes of the Tower, to know if they have there the Charter of Ed. II, for a market and fair at Harrow-on-the-Hill.

Dr. Peareth [Vicar of Aldworth in Berks] was a very good man, and they will have a loss of him at Aldworth, tho' we have sent them a worthy successor, one Mr. Deane, Fellow of our College. So Mr. Baker in his letter of June 13.

June 22 (Sat.). On Monday last died Mr. James Crutch, one of the Bayliffs serjeants of the City of Oxford, a lusty man, well beloved, and was buried at Cairfax, of which parish he was, on Wed. night, and yesterday one Woodley, a taylour, of Penverthy¹ Street, was elected in his room, who had 48 votes in opposition to one Fidler, a gunsmith of Allhallows parish, who had only 23 votes.

Mr. Baker, in his said letter of June 13, thus about Dr. Boorde :—
 'I know nothing more of Andr. Boorde, than you have in Maunsell's Catalogue, whose account I think I sent, or in Athen. Oxon.; only
 10 there seems to be a mistake in *Abington* for Trumpington, at *A pleasant & right merry History of the Mylner of Abington, with his wife & his faire daughter, & of two poore scholars of Cambridge*, which seems to be only Chaucer's Reve's Tale reprinted, where you have an account of the Mylner of Trumpington, his wife, & faire daughter, and two poore scholars of Cambridge. This will probably appear, if you have an opportunity of comparing 'em. I have only Chaucer.'

June 23 (Sun.). I have not Boorde's *pleasant & right merry History of the Mylner of Abington*, so I cannot compare it with Chaucer. I think I have seen the very copy that Mr. Wood mentions, as having
 20 belonged to Thomas Newton of Cheshire, and if I am not mistaken, 'tis among Mr. Robert Burton's books in Bodley. I believe Mr. Baker hath good reason for what he says, & yet I am apt to think that Boorde only took his hints from Chaucer, and improved the story as he thought proper, and yet having not Boorde's book, I cannot be positive. I think Dr. Beckett of Abington told me he hath it, among other curious little pieces he collects.

June 24 (Mon.). Dr. Holmes of the Tower of London hath sent me a copy of K. Edward II's Charter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the 8th of his reign, for a market every week on Wednesday at
 30 his manour of Harewe in Middlesex, and for one fair there every year, to continue two days, namely on the vigil and on the day of the Nativity of the B. V. Mary.

June 25 (Tu.). The late Depositions against Dr. Bentley will shortly be printed. The concluding words of Dr. Green, Bishop of Ely's sentence against him are, as they were sent me by Dr. Baker :—'I having considered the severall Arguments of Councill, upon the same, with great care and attention, as I shall answer it to Almighty God hereafter, am sincerely of opinion & do hereby solemnly & finally declare, pronounce & adjudge, as Visitor aforesaid, that the said Dr. Richard Bentley, party in
 40 the said cause, & Master of the said College, is guilty of Dilapidation of the goods of the said College, & also of the Violation of the said Statutes, & that he is duly and legally convicted thereof before me, as Visitor aforesaid, & that he the said Dr. Richard Bentley has thereby incurred the

June 22, 1734. George Holmes, Record Office, Tower of London, to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 395). Sends H. a copy of the record he desires.

¹ i. e. Penny-farthing.—ED,

Penalty of Deprivation of his office of Master of the said College, inflicted in such Cases, by the fortieth Chapter of the said Statutes. And I do accordingly & by the Authority hereby pronounce, declare & adjudge him to be duly & legally convicted thereof before me as Visitor aforesaid. Thomas Ely, April 27, 1734.'

June 26 (Wed.). Mr. Ward of Warwick hath not given himself to husbandry any more than is proper for his own affairs, being still as curious in History and antiquities as ever, and as diligent in quest of MSS. and other old books.

The Duke of Berwick, who was killed before Philipsburg was, past ¹⁰ dispute, as the Prints tell us, the best General the French had, and might vie with the greatest Heroes of the present or past age, and has finished his Race in Glory, which will be one of the most memorable events of the whole war so lately begun.

Letters from the Rhine take notice, that when Prince Eugene had news brought him of the Duke of Berwick's death, his Highness shewed a generous concern, and said *The Marshal died gloriously; I hope not to finish life with less honour.* NB. He was going against the Duke, and was not at a great distance from the place.

Prince Eugene is aged 71, being borne anno 1663; the Duke of Ber- ²⁰ wick was aged 63, being born anno 1671.

June 27 (Thur.). The Rev. Mr. R. Woodforde, Rector of Yeovilton in Somersetshire, hath the character of being a very good natured man and a good scholar. He was fellow of New College. He loves antiquities, particularly the antiquities of our own nation, and is well versed in them.

June 28 (Fri.). Sir Clement Cottrell knight, the present Master of the Ceremonies, tho' in the Court Interest, is nevertheless a man of honour, and descended from very worthy ancestors. He is a scholar and an antiquary, & well skilled in matters of proceeding and ceremony. ³⁰

June 29 (Sat.). My Lord Oxford told Mr. Murray (who shewed my Lord the letter I wrote on that account to Mr. Murray) that he knew nothing of Dr. Boorde's Peregrination. So Mr. Murray in his letter to me of May 14, 1734. I had it of Mr. Lambard of Kent, to whom I returned it after I had transcribed it.

John Broadwater buried in Ifley Churchyard near Oxford, May 23, 1721, aged 91 years.

June 30 (Sun.). Yesterday in the afternoon, about half an hour after 5 clock, one Mr. Arnold, a Bachelor of Arts of Merton College, who was lately Postmaster of that college, had the misfortune, to be so bruised by a fall, in St. Clement's near Oxford, that he died there at the Bull (where he was taken in) about half an hour before nine clock. He went out to take the Air, & the horse, on which he rode, being wrosted, when he came to about Heddington Hill, the horse ran back with him with the utmost fury, & when he was come to the end of St. Clement's, & was going to enter Magdalen Bridge, both fell together, & the Gentleman's head (the horse being atop of him) received such contusions that he soon expired, ⁴⁰

without any sense afterwards, to the great grief of his acquaintance, he being a Gentleman of a very sweet temper, and of great virtues.

On Tuesday last (June 25) at 5 clock in the afternoon, one Marchant, a Commoner of Edmund Hall, rode in a chair with Mr. Johnston [Mancipal of that Hall] to Bampton, ten miles from Oxford, where they arrived at eleven clock that night. On Thursday the said Marchant died there at his Father's, being extremely ill, when he went from Oxford. He had been of Exeter College, whence he was expelled; afterwards he was of Magd. Coll. but was turned out from thence also. Then he was
 10 entered of Edm. Hall. He died of a dropsy. He was a loose young man, & 'twas feared, that had he lived, he would never have been good for any thing. He was buried last night at Bampton. He died in the 23rd year of his age.

July 1 (Mon.). I have just run over *The Sacred Classicks defended and illustrated*, London 1727 in two Parts 8^{vo}, the second edition corrected. The Author A. Blackwall M.A.

Mr. Blackwall hath in many things shewed himself a great pedant. He bears hard upon many fathers and other great men, for saying the new Testament was wrote in an Hellenistical style, which however is
 20 very true, & 'twas therefore the best style to have those holy books penned in. He falls upon Dr. Mill, and answers his instances of Soloecisms in the New Testament, but I think Mr. Blackwall does not discover any great skill. It must, however, be acknowledged, that 'twas wrong in Dr. Mill to pretend to point out Soloecisms. Those sacred books were penned by God himself, and therefore I look upon it as next to blasphemy, to find fault with the style on any account. Mr. Blackwall offers at new translating into English of several passages of the New Testament, but the old translation is better than his. This Blackwall was a Schoolmaster, a merry companion, & would sit up late with his friends at a bottle,
 30 & love to talk much.

Page 260 he quotes Mr. Reading's Life of Christ, and calls the author the learned and judicious Mr. Reading; which is laughed at by many, it being known that Mr. Reading wants judgment. The book too quoted is of no note. Some too observe that 'tis only a new edition of another book new furbished. Mr. Reading is nevertheless a good, honest, industrious, blunt, plain man.

Mr. Arnold of Merton College above mentioned, was 21 years of age last November. He was a thin handsome young man, 5 feet 8 inches high.

40 To ask Mr. John Murray, whether there be any thing about Andrew Borde in the King of Jerusalem's Flying History, which he hath in MS.

July 2 (Tu.). Last night Mr. Arnold was buried at Merton College, in St. John's Baptist's Church, much lamented.

July 4 (Thur.). I have heard that Mr. Blackwall, as may also appear from a posthumous poor piece of his to that purpose, was for having a

July 2, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 354) [see Diary, July 5].

July 2, 1734. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 306) [see Diary, July 1, 2].

July 4, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 61) [see Diary, July 22, 25, 26].

new English Version of the Bible, and was desirous of being employed as one of the translators.

July 5 (Fri.). Mr. Goole, I hear, omitted that part of Dr. Hudson's Will, relating to the Doctor's bequest of his books to Univ. Coll., because he thought it not material to his Case. I look upon this, as a very poor reason; at least he should have told the world, that he had omitted it, which however he hath not done, but hath published the will as if it were intire.

Mr. Goole is at present employed in putting the License bond in suit. How he will succeed, time must determine. He mentions such a design in his Case.

Mr. Richardson the apothecarie's books have been sold for 1000*l.* 10*s.* There will be a publick sale of them after Michaelmas next.

July 6 (Sat.). On Tuesday last, being July 2nd, died of a dropsy, Thomas Healy, M.D. Fellow of Corpus Christi College Oxford, and was buried in the cloysters of that College on Thursday night July 4.

On Tuesday June 25 last was taken ill of the small Pox, Farmer Speen in Cumnor Parish. He lived just beyond Blind Pinnocks. On Saturday, June 29, he died and was buried at Cumnor the next day June 30. He died in the 68th year of his age. He was a very honest man, well beloved.

Mr. Ward of Warwick confesses, that he hath something of Agriculture upon his hands, but then Agriculture is not what he professes, neither hath he much leisure to consult Authors upon that Head, his post at Warwick and other affairs engrossing most of his time.

Yesterday Mr. Thomas Shaw, Fellow of Queen's College Oxon, was presented to the degrees of B. and D. of Div. in Congregation.

July 7 (Sun.). From the Historical Register No. LXXIV.

Dyed in March 1734 Mr. Gifford, aged 90 years. A Roman Catholick Prelate, made such in the last year of the Reign of King James II. He 30 ordered by his Will, his Body to be opened, and his Heart sent to Doway College in Flanders, to be kept in Spirits, being the University to which he belonged.

On Friday the 5th inst. I received from Mr. George Ballard the following inscription, sent him from London by Mr. Jos. Ames, who told him, it was on a stone, found in the old steeple of St. George's Southwark (which they are now a building with the Church). The Stone was found covered by another in the Building of the Steeple, so that it did not appear to be exposed to view.

I have copied ¹ it in little, but it seems Mr. Ames's Copy (which I am 40 to send back) answers exactly the form and bigness of the Stone and Letters in every respect. Mr. Ballard wants my opinion of it. But it

'I am always glad to hear of Bp. Tanner's health, & that it is always mended by the execution of his Duty. He will be more happy by so remote a Diocese, & for that reason may bear with the loss of Norwich.'

¹ Hearne gives a facsimile of the original. It looks a genuine inscription, perhaps of the 12th century.—ED.

does not deserve my consideration. Mr. Ames is a Presbyterian, and it seems to be a sham. In common letters 'tis . . . STITIT . HANC . . . NCELISTE . FESTO . . . ESTO . HI . QIPA VANNIOQODEM . . .

July 8 (Mon.). The Church of Bishop's Ichenton in Warwickshire dedicated to All Saints, as appears not only from Dugdale's Warwickshire, but also from the Book of Bishop's Ichenton MS. in the hands of Archdeacon Holt, who hath lent it me, which Book, among other things, contains all the old Statutes of the Church of Litchfield, but in this book is very little to my purpose with respect to our History of England in
10 general.

July 9. (Tu.). This day one Hulton of Queen's College Oxon. went out Bach. of Physick, as a grand compounder, being presented in a congregation at nine o'clock. He was before Master of Arts. He is looked upon as a man of parts, tho' he be very deformed.

Anno 1733 came out at London, a little book in 12^o, being the third edition of Campanalogia or the Art of Ringing. One Annables is now putting out a new edition of the same book, which 'tis said will be the best book of its kind that ever yet was printed on that subject. The said Annables is one of the London Ringers, that rang at Oxford at Whitsun-
20 tide in 1733. He rang the 9th bell, and is judged to understand ringing as well as, if not better than, any man in the world.

July 10 (Wed.). On Monday July 1 the Princess of Orange landed near Margate, and passing to Canterbury, where she was magnificently received, went the same day to the Court at Kensington, and on Wednesday the 3rd inst. her Highness's being with child was notified at Court. [The Prince himself is gone to serve a Campaign under Prince Eugene, as 'tis said]. This is the account we have in the Prints.

July 11 (Thur.). Two years ago I saw, & had some discourse with one Corbet, at an house in King Street Oxon, viz. at one Mr. Shepherd's,¹
30 where he was with Mr. Edward Turvile, Collector of the Excise at Oxford. Last night I saw him there again with the same Mr. Turvile. He was, I think, of Trinity Hall in Cambridge, and is called Dr. Corbet. He is a gentleman of sense, much addicted to and well versed in the management of hops and other parts of husbandry. He is acquainted with Mr. Baker of Cambridge.

July 12 (Fri.). Joseph Scaliger's *Elenchus Trihaeresii*, tho' a small book, yet excellent, and can never be commended too much, as is observed by Isaac Casaubon in his Exercit. upon Baronius, p. 65.

Democritus wrote a book called *Parapegma*. His *Parapegma* seems
40 to be what afterwards was called *Astrolabium*.

Yesterday at 2 clock in the afternoon died at his brother, an Apothecarie's house in Holywell, Oxford, Mr. Jo. Pen M.A., formerly fellow of Worcester

July 11, 1734. John Murray to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 106) [see Diary, Aug. 10].

¹ Thomas Sheppard had the Coach and Horses Inn in King Street; see Cart. Hosp. St. John, I. p. 239 (O. H. S.).

College. He was admitted M.A. June 9, 1713. He died of a dropsy. His father was a Barber in Oxford. He had a great impediment in his speech, and could never get into orders, for which reason he was obliged to leave his fellowship.

July 13 (Sat.). Dr. William Woodford, Regius Professor of Physick in the Univ. of Oxford, called yesterday morning upon me at Edmund Hall, but he could not stay, being, he said, in hast to go his rounds, particularly to Marsh in Bucks, which is one of the manours belonging to the hospital of Ewelme, of which the Doctor, as Regius Professor, is Governour. If he could have staid, I would have talked a little about 10 Ewelme with him, especially about the shamefull neglect of the Schoole there; but he being a good natured man, perhaps he avoided that on purpose, & so got off, tho' I have hard (*sic*) that he hath spooke of it with abhorrence, & said, that he would endeavour to get Mr. Newcome, the present Schoolmaster, out, who never taught so much as one soul, since he hath been there, which is a great many years. Dr. Woodford is an handsome, pretty man.

July 14 (Sun.). The prints of the 6th of this month tell us (and 'tis what I had heard by other hands) that a few days before died at his seat at Ford Abbey in Devonshire, aged 91, Francis Gwyn Esq. descended 20 from the ancient Family of the Herberts, Earls of Pembroke, one of this Gentleman's ancestors having changed his name by Act of Parliament. He was Clerk of the Privy Council in the reign of King Charles II, which post he enjoyed under his successor, King James. When the said King James was abdicated, he was appointed to act as Secretary to those noble Lords, who took care of the publick Peace till William Prince of Orange was proclaimed, and had an unlimited Power given him to sign all Dispatches and Orders in that critical Time. He continued in the service of the Crown from thence till the death of Queen Anne, when, being Secretary at War, he was removed from that and all other 30 employments. He married Amy, daughter and sole surviving heiress of — Prideau Esq. in whose right he became possessed of that ancient, noble, and spacious seat called Ford Abbey, with a fair estate round it, which now descends to his eldest son, Edward Prideau Gwyn Esq.

July 15 (Mon.). I have seen at my room, as well as at Christ Church, some years ago, and conversed at both places with the said Francis Gwyn Esq. He was a man of great honour, probity and honesty, of singular good nature and great affability. He was extraordinary well versed in the History and Antiquities of this kingdom, as well as of other parts of Great Britain. He enjoyed a vigorous course of health, being 40 a temperate man, and using much exercise. He was my friend, as is also his son the aforesaid Edward Prideau Gwyn Esq., who was, when he was of Oxford, one of my intimate acquaintance, being one of those many young Gentlemen (noblemen and others) that used to walk so much with

July 13, 1734. Beaupré Bell to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 150). Sends a guinea.

July 13, 1734. H. to John Murray (Rawl. 112. 308). Has received eight guineas.

me, and to meet me so often at divers places, where we enjoyed abundance of innocent mirth, and discoursed of antiquities and other usefull matters. They have often said this was the most happy part of their life.

July 16 (Tu.). On Wed. June 26 last died at his Chambers at Gray's Inn, Peter Sexton Esq., a Gentleman of great eminence in his Profession in the Law. He was a Roman Catholick. I saw and conversed with him formerly several times in Oxford. He was a man in whom the Roman Catholicks put great confidence, & he managed for them with great judgment, & with equal content & satisfaction to them.

10 Other Papers say that Francis Gwyn Esq. was only near, and not above 90, and this I think the truest account. But I must get his age from one of his Sons. He was upwards of 50 years a member of Parliament.

July 17 (Wed.). The Prints take notice that the Princess of Orange advances happily in her pregnancy, and that two chairmen constantly attend her at Kensington, to carry her up and down Stairs, to prevent any Accident happening to her.

The Prints also tell us that on Thursday the 11th inst. the Duke of Portland was married to the only daughter and heiress of the Earl of

20 Oxford. He was born in 1712-13. She is in the 18th year of her age.

Tho' I thought, that a great deal of Thuanus had been recovered never before published, yet it seems the new edition in VII volumes in folio at London is nothing but patch work, however pompously printed, & that nothing of the author's is retrieved not known before. So that I find 'tis thought (for I have not perused the work myself) that 'tis the worst edition of all, particularly inferior to that of Geneva 1620, (printed under the direction of Lingelshemius from the MS. prepared by Thuanus himself for a new edition), & that which was corrected by Pierre Depuy and Nicolas Rigaut and reprinted at the same place in 1626 and 1630.

20 There are 138 books in all, which indeed were in the editions before this London one, so as nothing is recovered of Thuanus. Indeed there are three books one of which had been printed before, but they are not done by Thuanus himself, but by M. Rigaut, but 'tis far inferior to Thuanus, and is only a meagre compendious narrative by way of continuation down to Hen. IV's assassination, where Thuanus designed to have ended, had he lived. Two of these books are what Mr. Carte procured in France, and 'tis all that chiefly occasioned this London edition, to the great disappointment of persons, that thought (as even I did myself) abundance of Thuanus had been found out, never before

40 printed. Rigaut's addition contains only 3 years, viz. from the middle of 1607 to the death of Hen. IV, which occurred May 1610. The seventh volume is, as it were, foreign to Thuanus, being an Appendix, in which are many original letters & divers things that had been printed before. This Appendix consists of XII parts. Divers particulars are in this Appendix that are quite against Thuanus, which tho' printed before, yet it had been better to have omitted them. When such sort of writings are forgot, the Publick reaps no advantage from their revival; nor would Mr. Buckley the bookseller's (for 'tis his) edition have been a jot less perfect, had he let these alone.

July 18 (Thur.). Yesterday at 7 clock in the evening came into Oxford, and so went to Merton College, Robert Wyntle M.D., who hath been elected Warden of Merton College by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the great disappointment of Dr. Marten and Mr. Meadowcourt, the other two that were returned to the Archbishop. 'Tis particularly to the grief of Dr. Marten, who being subwarden, nominated Wyntle and Meadowcourt to be returned with him, thinking that so he was sure, and that the Archbishop would not fix upon either of them. There was not a great appearance to attend Dr. Wyntle to Oxford. He was installed this morning.

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July 19 (Fri.). The Duke of Portland, to whom Lord Oxford's daughter is just married, is reported to be the handsomest man in England. The young lady his wife is also very handsome. The Princess Amelia, daughter of the present King George II is said to have been wonderfully in love with him, and would fain have had him if she could. His father was Henry Bentinck, Earl of Portland, & his Grandfather William Bentinck, Earl of Portland, a Dutch man, who was first of all page to the late Prince of Orange, K. Will. III, by whom he was preferred to great posts of honour, the said Prince being strangely in love with him.

Mr. Nibb, mayor of Oxford, born anno 1688, being 46 years old this 20 year. His brother Dr. Nibb of Magd. College is older than he.

July 20 (Sat.). Anno 1727 Mr. John Lewis of Margate in Kent published in a thin Quarto *The History and Antiquities of the Abbey and Church of Feversham in Kent*. 'Tis a very poor performance, & Lewis, as he hath the character (tho' a clergyman) of being a rogue and a villain, so he hath shewed himself such in this book, where in his preface &c. he declares himself a friend to sacrilege, by encouraging and speaking well of the breaking the fine old painted glass in churches and religious houses. Nay in this book he pretends to apologize for Hen. VIII's destroying those stately buildings & suppressing them. Mr. Southouse's *Chronicon* 30 *Favershamense* is a very good book, but this done by Lewis (who is a very silly weak wretch) is a very bad one, such as tends to discourage rather than promote our antiquities.

July 21 (Sun.). There is now in Oxford one Jacobus Stanilaus Reviere. He hath been here two months or more. He lodges in St. Thomas's parish. He was a Jesuit, but is now a Protestant, and hath been several times at the Sacrament in Protestant communions. He hath talked with me twice. He is but in mean habit. The Bishop of London (Edmund Gibson) hath given him a note of recommendation. He hath printed *Specimen linguae Punicae, quae nunc restat in insula* 40 *Melitensi*. It was an Exercise *sub doctore Maio S. T. D. & Professore linguarum orientalium in Universitate Gissensi*. He (Reviere) is *Doctor utriusque juris*. His degree he took at Rome. His said book was

July 18, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 118) [see Diary, Aug. 24-27]. 'The great man, we have spoken of so often,¹ took occasion to be in the country at the visitation, & so all is well.'

¹ i. e. Bentley.

printed anno 1712. He lived in the Isle of Melta. He understands & talks Arabick, having lived in the country where Arabick is talked 5 or 6 years. He says Mr. Gagnier does not understand Arabick, and that he (Gagnier) could not talk with him.

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July 22 (Mon.). Mr. Baker hath seen nothing of Andrew Boorde, and what he sent me was only Bishop Moor's Catalogue. Bishop Moor's books are yet in confusion at Cambridge, and those that are set up are in great disorder. In the same Apartment, they are going to sett up King George's picture, in honor of the Founder, which being Gratitude,
10 Mr. Baker says he can well approve. He adds that is a virtue wherein you excell [at Oxford], & we (I doubt) have been wanting. Mr. Baker, letter of July 4.

July 23 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Riviere called upon me again. He said he was born in France. He said, tho' he was of the Jesuits' College at Paris, yet he is not a Father. He said he is a sincere protestant, and that he publicly renounced his Religion at London. He cannot (he said) endure Father Courayer. He said, the Chevalier is prodigiously respected at Rome. He spoke against the legitimacy of the Chevalier, but his argument was as weak as can be, being no other than this, that if
20 he were legitimate, God Almighty would not have permitted him to have been banished so long, not considering that 'tis a punishment inflicted by God for the innumerable and great sins of the British Nation. I heard him mention no other argument for his leaving the Church of Rome than their praying to Saints. He said he would go from Oxford to Bristol.

July 24 (Wed.). Joseph Scaliger was a man of prodigious learning. His judgment, however, not so great. He should have got some one to digest his things better, & to have made them more clear.

It is generally agreed that the Greek of Eusebius's Chron. is Joseph Scaliger's own, being partly collected by him from Syncellus, Cedrenus,
30 &c., partly written by himself.

July 25 (Thur.). This being the Assize at Oxford, the Judges coming from Reading last night, the Sermon was preached before them at St. Marie's today in the morning by Mr. Edward Ballard of Trinity College.

On Tuesday last (July 23) in the afternoon two Gardiners boxed together by Gloucester Green. One of them was so bruised in the ribs on the left side, that he fell down dead, the other being not much hurt.

Mr. Baker (in his letter to me of the 4th) observes that Dr. Bently goes on at Trinity College there as formerly, notwithstanding the Bishop of
40 Ely's sentence, but he notes that he would be under some tryal this month, when the Bishop should visit his diocese, and come to Cambridge, being one of his Clergy. When Mr. Baker was in the Bishop of Durham Dr. Crew's Family in 1688, he remembers one of the Archdeacons was

July 24, 1734. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 31). Returns the inscription which is not worth consideration [see Diary July 7].

suspended for contempt, only for not appearing at his Visitation, tho' another reason was probably at the bottom. Mr. Baker hoped there would be no occasion for it here.

On Sunday the 14th inst. died Sir Robert Dashwood Bart. at his seat at Northbrook in Oxfordshire, and is succeeded in honour and estate by his grandson, a minor, on his Travels. So the prints.

July 26 (Fri.). Mr. Baker in his letter of July 4 said, Sir Philip Sydenham was once his friend, but has since expressed warm resentments without any provocation; & yet Mr. Baker saith, he must always have a concern for him.

I had always a great respect for Sir Philip Sydenham, for his learning and virtues, and the esteem he expressed for the Clergy. There was one clergyman, Mr. Thomas Baker of Christ Church Oxon (I know not, whether there was any relation between him and my friend Mr. Baker of Cambridge) to whom Sir Ph. shewed a particular kindness, by giving him a Living, but he proved very ungratefull, for which I have heard him much blamed, and Sir Ph. for that reason could not help shewing a resentment; but I know of no manner of reason, why he should speak any way ill of that good man Mr. Thomas Baker of Cambridge. [NB. It was not Mr. Thomas Baker of Christ Church, but his brother William Baker of Cambridge, that Sir Philip was displeased with.] 10

July 28 (Sun.). Yesterday ran over Mr. A. Blackwall's second (being the last) volume of *The Sacred Classics defended and illustrated*, London, 1731, 8^{vo}. 'Tis a posthumous piece. The author swaggers very much, and is very-bold, and takes all manner of occasions to insult & abuse great men, insomuch that I could not read him, but concluded him to be delirious, indeed as it were sometimes raving, and to have wrote often over his liquor. Which notion I found confirmed, when I was assured, that he was a great drinker, an excessive talker at those times, and that he had bad children, that made him crazed. Many of 30 his discoveries were made before by others, which he does not acknowledge. He is often wrong, at the same time that he perty and impudently pretends to correct others.

July 29 (Mon.). Martinus Polonus flourished 1277. His Chronicle was first published at Basil 1559 folio; then by Suffridus Petrus with notes at Antwerp 1574, 8^{vo}; then at Colon. by Joannes Fabricius Caesar, a Premonstratensian Monk, anno 1616 folio. In the two former editions is the story of Pope Joan, but not in the later, which was published from a MS. very faithfully, which MS. is almost of the age of the author. Dr. Cave (& so do I) takes the story to be a fabulous interpolation. 40 Dr. Cave notes that the author first brought his history to 1271, and then to 1277, and that what follows to 1285 was done by another hand. He insinuates that he died anno 1278, but Suffridus makes him alive anno 1320, in which year the history in his edition ends. I want to know how low the Colon. edition (which I have not) comes, or in what year it ends. Maybe, Mr. Baker can tell.

July 30, 1734. William Thomas to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 247). Sends five guineas.

July 30 (Tu.). This month a most barbarous murder was committed in Wooburn parish near Beaconsfield. A poor widow woman, who kept a little Ale house for her support, had her house broke open one night by some body, and they took what they pleased, and went off. Two nights after, 'twas broke again, and she murdered in her bed in a most horrid manner, being stabbed twice in her breast, and her throat cut from ear to ear. This was done on Thursday the 4th inst. A man and woman were sent to jail on Thursday the 11th on suspicion of the murder. Great Marlow is a sad wicked place, as is the neighbourhood
 10 there, and complaints are frequently made thereof. 'Tis said that the robberies, and other sad Acts that frequently happen thereabouts, are owing to people of Great Marlow and their confederates.

July 31 (Wed.). The old statutes of the Cathedral Church of Litchfield, are all printed (from the originals) in the third volume of the *Monasticon*, so that there was no need for me to transcribe them from the MS. (a late thing) of Itchington in the hands of Dr. Holte, archdeacon of Salop, which I very lately perused, being put into my hands for that end by Mr. Loveday of Magd. Coll., who had it of Mr. Audley of that College, to whom Dr. Holte delivered it.

20 **Aug. 1 (Thur.).** Mr. Riviere may (for ought I know) be skilled in Arabick, but he is but very indifferent in writing Latin, as I gathered from a little of his composition, when he called upon me again on Tuesday last. Nor does he know anything of philological or classical learning. Yet he hath got a little smattering in Divinity.

'An Introduction to the Classics, containing a short discourse on their Excellencies &c.' by Anthony Blackwall M.A., the third edition, London, 1725, 8^{vo}. 'Tis but a flashy thing. One would think he did not believe himself in what he writes, at least in some things. Otherwise sure he would not have said p. 34 thus of Dr. Bentley, 'It would be endless to
 30 mention the numerous places in the ancients happily restored and illustrated by that Great Man, who is not only a sound and discerning Critic, but a clean and vigorous Writer, excellently skilled in all divine and human Literature &c.' On the contrary, 'tis well known, Bentley is not a sound critic (for 'tis his way to go boldly against all MSS.) & that he is so far from being a clean & vigorous, that he is a very obscure, heavy writer, and an affecter of uncouth words, such as only Pedants would use, as may plainly appear from Mr. Boyle's very ingenious and learned book, penned in an elegant clean style, against his Dissertation on Phalaris. I might make other observations on this little, spruce piece (for such 'tis)
 40 of Mr. Blackwall, but I forbear.

Aug. 2 (Fri.). Last night called upon me Mr. Tempest Rawlinson, brother of my late friend Thomas Rawlinson Esq., and of my friend Dr. Richard Rawlinson. He said, he came to Oxford to shew the town to two sisters of his and their husbands, his Brothers in law. They lodged at the Blewboar in Fish Street.

On Monday night, July 22, about 8 clock died of a Paralytick disorder (having been taken speechless suddenly about noon that day) at Ockham in Surrey, Peter Lord King, Lord high Chancellor. May 1, 1726,

created Baron King of Ockham; 1708 chosen Recorder of London; 1710 one of the managers against Dr. Sacheverel; Oct. 26, 1714, appointed Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, in which he continued till June 1, 1725; then he was made Lord Chancellor of Great Britain; June 3, 1724, declared one of the Lords Justices while Geo. I went to Hanover, as he was again in 1727, when the said Geo. died on his journey thither. On the 16th of the same month, delivering up the Great Seal to Geo. II, it was redelivered to him, with the grant of a Pension of 6000*l.* per an. payable out of the Post Office, during his being Lord Chancellor, which office he resigned in Nov. 1733. He married Anne, daughter of Evan Teys, of Bovierton com. Glamorg., Esq., by whom he had 4 sons & 2 daughters; succeeded in honour and estate by his eldest son, John King Esq., member of Parl., who married the daughter & heiress of — Fry of Devonshire Esq., by whom he had no issue. He is now a widower.

Aug. 3 (Sat.). The Prints of Thursd., July 25, tell us that they wrote from Bristol, that one day the week before, a Carpenter sitting down in a field near Bedminster to rest himself, a viper rushed out of a hedge, and bit him by the hand; the venom mortified all down the side he was bit on, before any relief could be applied by the surgeons, and he died after 4 days languishing, in a very miserable condition. His body was obliged to be burnt without ceremony, the stench was so offensive. It may be here noted that in such accidents as this, sallad oil, applied warm to the wound, is an effectual cure.

There are Bristol men in Oxford, who confirm the truth of the preceding story.

Aug. 4 (Sun.). Yesterday called upon me Mr. Thomas Philips, an eminent carpenter. He hath done famous works in and about London, and tho' a young man, is vastly rich. He was born at Hagbourne, near Wallingford in Berks., where his Father (a mason by trade) lives. His father hath given off his trade to another son. This carpenter hath built himself an handsome house for a country seat at Hagburn. There is another son, head cook of St. John's Coll. Oxford.

Aug. 5 (Mon.). Yesterday called upon me, and staid a little while, a young Gent. who said his name was Fontane. I understood by him, that he was a Dutchman. He wanted to talk with me about MSS. of Theophrastus, he being about a new edition. I told him editions were very common. He said, the best were very scarce. He said, the best edition was Dr. Pet. Needham's. I told him, I had sent Needham what we had at Bodley. He said, he had found some MSS. notes of Is. Casaubon in Bodley. But 'tis well known, that Casaubon published Theophrastus & printed from his own adversaria what he thought proper. Dutchmen are for multiplying Editions, to no purpose, with burthens of notes, to perplex and amuse the reader.

Aug. 5, 1734. James West, at Bath, to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 356). Has had a violent fever which brought him near the grave, but by riding and exercise is pretty well recovered [see Diary, Sept. 10].

Aug. 6 (Tu.). Mr. Riviere was with me again yesterday. He said he was born in the *Villa sancti Martini* in Provence in France. He hath been at Rome twice. One time he was there about a year.

The Bishop of London expostulated with Riviere about his leaving his cloyster, and seemed displeased, that he did so, saying that we have in England a vast number of poor clergy, whereas had he continued in his cloyster, he would have had a good support.

Riviere continued in a cloyster about 19 years.

Aug. 7 (Wed.). Dr. Prideaux (Vol. I p. 51 of his Connection) gives
 10 an account of the book of Judith. He insinuates & gives arguments that 'tis a religious Romance, yet is rather inclined to have it a true History. It was written in Chaldee. Translated by St. Jerom. Two translations besides, one Greek, the other Syriac. Jerom's the most to be relied on, the other having interpolations. I believe it a true history, tho' we cannot account for some things. Possibly even Jerom's Translation may in some things be wrong, at least the copies he followed. He used a liberty in the version, of not translating it verbatim, and withall he cut off the corruptions of various readings. The book was originally penned (as I take it) from Records, but as it is not one of the books of holy writ, but
 20 apocryphal, there may have happened here and there an interpolation, addition or alteration, that we cannot so well now reconcile with other history. I think the Doctor should have used a milder expression than Romance, as I do likewise think that he should have used (in p. 24) a modester epithet than *impudent* for the Romanists, with respect to the brazen serpent at Milan. *Yet the impudence of the Romanists* (saith he) *is such, that in the Church of St. Ambrose at Milan they now keep and shew to their Devotos a Brazen Serpent, which they pretend to be the very same that Moses did set up in the wilderness &c.* This is fiction. They do not do it out of such a principle, as believing it to be that, but they only do
 30 it as a likeness of that, and to remind people of it. And we have figures of it in our protestant books, not for the people to worship, but only to put them in mind.

Aug. 8 (Thur.). Warmington in Northamptonshire was a cell of Black Monks to St. Marie's Abbey at York. Mr. Wilcox of St. Clement's near Oxford often talks much of it. The House is now standing, and very well worth observing, particularly the Refectory.

Yesterday died Mr. Brock of Oxford, in Ship Lane or Somer Street, taylor, who was some time since Mayor of Oxford. [He was buried at St. Michael's, Fri. Aug. 9.]

40 **Aug. 9 (Fri.).** Last Sunday night was put into my hands to read over (which I did a day or two after) *A Critique on Iapis's Character in the twelfth Book of Virgil's Æneid*, MS. I transcribed nothing from it, not knowing whether it be a faithfull Transcript. 'Tis said to be the late Bishop Atterbury's. 'Tis pretty enough.

Aug. 10 (Sat.). Mr. Murray hath nothing of Andrew Borde's, but the Jestes of the Wise Men of Gotam, which he takes to be printed about the latter end of Henry VIII. He hath nothing of that kind of Scogan.

His flying History by Baskerville (commonly called the King of Jerusalem) nowhere mentions Borde. Neither did Mr. Murray ever see Borde's Mylner of Abbington. Mr. Murray's letter from London, July 11, at which time Mr. West was very ill at Islington, whom Mr. Murray was just then going to see. I had written to Mr. West about Borde two or three days before.

Mr. Richard Hedges M.A., late Fellow of Trinity College Oxon, from which he was expelled, is 42 years of age. He was born at Whadwick in Hampshire, where his mother lives now.

The small pox mentioned anno 1305 in John Beaver, Chron. MS. 10

Aug. 11 (Sun.). On Thursday last died the Rev. Mr. James Stopes, rector of Brightwell near Watlington in Oxfordshire. He took the degree of M.A. as a member of New Inn Hall, on July 8, 1701. He died in the 57th year of his age. He was buried last night at Britwell (not far from Brightwell) of which he had been Rector not long before, but resigned it to a relation. He married a daughter of the late Sir Sebastian Smith, but she hath been dead more than a year. He left no child by her.

Aug. 12 (Mon.). I must remember to write to Dr. Rawlinson, to know who is made a Right Rev. in the room of Mr. Gandy deceased. Also to congratulate him, for his Benefactions (at least designed ones) with 20 respect to his giving duplicate books to the Univ. of Oxford, tho' I fear he met with opposition, not only in that point, but likewise in his endeavour to obtain some materials from the Oxford Registers, in order to the better carrying on his book, about the nonjuring Sufferers, particularly those of the Clergy.

Aug. 13 (Tu.). On Tuesday last died of the small Pox one Mr. Smith, a whitesmith of St. Clement's, at his house there, and was buried in Goddington churchyard in Oxfordshire on Sunday Aug. 11, he being, it seems, born at Powndon in Bucks, a little way from Goddington. He was a very ingenious man in his way, having not left his equal hereabouts 30 in that trade.

Yesterday was unanimously elected one of the Mayor's assistants, in room of Mr. Brock deceased, Mr. Wilkins, a goldsmith by Cairfax, a man of forty years of age, very well beloved, and esteemed to be one of the most sensible men of the whole City of Oxford.

Mr. Nicols, a locksmith, who is one of aldermen of the City of Oxford, is sixty three years old. He is brother-in-law to my late friend Francis Harding, a Cook of Oxford, whose Uncle was Fellow of Trinity College Oxon at my first coming to Oxford, a man very haughty, tho' a good scholar, what his nephew Francis used often to speak of. 40

Aug. 14 (Wed.). From the Northampton Mercury for Mon. Aug. 12 :—

London, Aug. 10. Last night dyed at his Palace at Chelsea, Richard (Willis) Lord Bishop of Winchester, Prelate of the most noble order of the Garter, Clerk of the Closet to his Majesty, and one of the Commissioners for building the fifty new churches.

Aug. 15 (Thur.). The said Willis was (as I have heard) first of Wadham College. Thence he was elected fellow of All Souls College, as a member of which he took the Degree of M.A. by Diploma, Mar. 15, 1694, he being then (I think) chaplain somewhere abroad to the Prince of Orange, commonly called K. Will. III, and oftentimes Old Glorious. He never took the Degree of Dr. at Oxford, perhaps he might at Lambeth, being commonly called Dr. Willis. He was a man of little or no Learning. Nor had he any other true merits, that I know of, worthy the Lawn Sleeves. He hath published one or more Sermons.

- 10 On Tuesday last (being Aug. 13) died of the small Pox, Mr. William Mortimer of St. Peter's in the East Oxon., journeyman barber, and was buried late last night (viz. at eleven clock) in St. Peter's in the East churchyard. He was born at Abbingdon, being brother of Mr. Mortimer, late Head Cook of Queen's and Brother likewise to Mrs. Hart (a fine woman) that was the wife of James Hart, late Head Cook also of Queen's College.

- Aug. 16 (Fri.).** To write to Dr. Archer, to know of him, whether he hath in his Registers or other Books, met with John Merelynych, a monk of Glastonbury, who wrote an account in Latin of some of our English
20 and Irish affairs.

Aug. 17 (Sat.). The said account of some of our English and Irish affairs is at the end of *Martinus Polonus in bibliotheca Harleiana*. I am now copying it, to be printed by me with John Bever, which I have also from the same library. Merelynych is of affairs under the 9 first years of Pope John 22, temp. Ed. II.

Mr. Chandler, father of Mrs. Eliz. Chandler, now the wife of Mr. Jackson the head cook of Brazenose College, is 80 years of age Oct. 10, 1734, being born Oct. 16, 1654. He reads much, and that too without spectacles.

- 30 Ask whether there be any monument to Dr. John Brandon (so he was called, because he practised Physick, tho' he was only Bach. of Arts), formerly Rector of Finchamstead in Berks.

Aug. 18 (Sun.). I was told last night that Benj. Hoadley, the present Bp. of Sarum, was Master of Arts of Cambridge. Enquire of Mr. Baker, and if he can tell the year, and of what house.

On the 3rd I received from Beaupré Bell jun. Esq. some few Historical papers, which he gives me. They are most of them MSS. papers, but of late affairs, some by William Prynne.

- Aug. 19 (Mon.).** Dr. Thomas Hyde is now very much wanted, upon
40 account of his great skill in Oriental languages, particularly in the Persian. He designed to have published the works of Zeroastres in Persian & Latin, had he met with any encouragement; but this he did not, but the quite contrary, for which 'tis great pity, since to have had them printed, would have been of wonderfull service to the learned world. He had a prodigious genius for languages, but was wonderfull slow of speech, and his delivery

so very low, that 'twas impossible to hear what he said, insomuch that when he preached one Sunday morning at Christ Church, at my first coming to Oxford, after he had been in the pulpit an hour and a half, or thereabouts, most of the congregation went out of the Church, & the Vice-Chancellor sent to him to come down, which with much ado he did, no body being able to hear a word he said. He was a corpulent man, and when he walked, would hardly ever look on one side or the other, tho' touched by any one in passing by him. Yet he would be merry & facetious in discourse.

Mr. Loveday had the Transcript of Bishop Atterbury's Critique of the ¹⁰ Rev. Mr. John Audley M.A., Demy of Magd. Coll., who transcribed it from a Copy of Mr. Derham of St. John's Coll. Oxon. This Derham is fellow of St. John's, and son of Dr. Derham. I delivered it back to Mr. Audley today, Mr. Loveday being in the country at Caversham, whither he went this day fortnight, Aug. 5.

Aug. 20 (Tu.). Bp. Atterbury ¹ took Iapyx to be Antonius Musa, the most celebrated Physician to Augustus. Mr. Charles Bernard, the late famous Chirurgeon to Q. Anne, used to talk and write much about Antonius Musa. Several letters on that head passed between him and Mr. Edw. Thwaites of Queen's Coll. Oxon. ²⁰

Sunday (being the 18th) was the annual meeting of the High Borlase, but being the Sabbath, the meeting was not held till yesterday, at the King's Head Tavern, as usual, in Oxford, when the company was less than last year. They chose for their Lady Patroness Miss Anne Cope, daughter of Sir Jonathan Cope of Bruern.

Aug. 21 (Wed.). Dr. Mill in his Prolegomena to the New Test. hath divers things about the ancient *στίχοι*. But I well remember, to have seen among Isaac Casaubon's MSS. Adversaria, as well as in MSS. Papers of Patrick Young's, things of great curiosity to the same purpose, as I have also (if I am not mistaken) in MSS. Collections of Archbishop ³⁰ Usher, all these 3 great men being excellently versed in MSS.

Aug. 22 (Thur.). Yesterday Mr. Wynne, a young Master of Arts of Jesus College, told me, some would have him collect & publish the old Welsh Poets with various readings. Moses Williams some years since proposed to do it, but it was objected that there should be a translation thereof, after which I heard no more.

Moses Williams hath put out a new edition of Humph. Llhydd's *Fragmenta Historiae Britannicae* in 4^{to}, a pompous book. He hath printed but a few Copies.

Mr. Wynne said one of their old MSS. of the old British History in ⁴⁰ Jesus Coll. Library signifies at the end, that 'twas a Welsh Translation by Geffry from his own Latin Translation, that he made from Walter Archdeacon of Oxford's British MS. This seems very odd.

Mr. Wynne told me, one Mytton, some time since of Oriel College, is about the Antiquities of Shropshire, and is now in Oxford, & hath been about 3 weeks or more collecting materials from the Bodleian Library and the Mus. Ashmol.

¹ See Aug. 10.

One Charles Mytton took the Degree of M.A. as a member of Trin. Coll. Oxon. Jan. 28, 1725, & one Will. Mytton took the same degree as a member of Wadham College, Oct. 16, 1717.

This Mr. Wynne hath a great desire of inspecting and looking over Sir Thomas Sebright's British and Irish MSS.

Sir Thomas Sebright was created M.A. as a member of Jesus College on Apr. 28, 1708. He was 42 years of age late last May being as I am told born in 1692. He lodged at Moseley, Fellow of Merton College's rooms during this High Borlase, and went away this morning.

- 10 **Aug. 23 (Fri.).** Moses Williams hath printed in a large 8vo Mr. William Baxter's Reliquiae, being *Glossarium Antiquitatum Romanarum in Britannia*. But it contains only the Letter A., the author, it seems, having compleated no more, desisting upon account of the little encouragement he met with. There are added some Letters. It is a book of four shillings price.

Aug. 24 (Sat.). To enquire what sort of study of books Mr. Gandy left behind him.

- The *Catholicon* seems to be the oldest book they have in their Publick Library at Cambridge, under the following Title:—In the Front thus,
20 *Incipit Summa que vocatur Catholicon edita a fratre Johanne de Janua ordinis fratrum Predicatorum. Ad calcem codicis, thus; Hic liber egrgius Catholicon, dom. Incarn. anno MCCCCCLX alma in urbe Moguntina &c. impressus & confectus est.* It is, saith Mr. Baker in his letter July 18, a Latin Lexicon or Dictionary & proper enough to begin with, to explain such books as should follow.

- Aug. 25 (Sun.).** Mr. Baker (as he was searching in their publick Librarie at Cambridge) met with one of Boord's books, but in a late edition; however he sent the Title. *The Breviarie of health &c. compiled by Andrew Boord, Doctor of Phisicke an Englishman, now newly corrected*
30 *&c., imprinted at London by Thomas Este 1598, 4^{to}.* Why he should style himself an Englishman (saith Mr. Baker) when he writes in English, is more than I know. N.B. It might be upon account of his travelling so much abroad, which made some take him to be a forreigner. A forreigner might write in English.

Aug. 26 (Mon.). Sir Thomas Sebright proposed this last high Borlace, that Mr. Moseley of Merton College might be admitted a member of the said Borlace, but he was rejected.

- On Sunday Aug. 9 last died of a consumption at Salisbury, the place of his Nativity, Mr. William Greenaway M.A. of Hart Hall Oxford. He
40 first served for some time as a bookseller to his Uncle, the late Mr. Stephen Fletcher of Oxford, bookseller. After some time he was of Corpus Christi College and then of Hart Hall, as a member of which he took the degree of M.A. June 25, 1719, and became a noted preacher, and bore a very good character.

Mr. Baker can say nothing as to T. T.'s portraitures of our Kings, as quoted by Stow. He thinks we have no true portraitures of the Kings of England before Richard the Second. He says, surely Stow, by his

frequent Quotations, must have understood Latin, & must have been hardly censured.

The censure is not hard. I have seen whole volumes of his own hand writing, whence it evidently appears, that he had little skill in Latin, and I have given many Instances in Leland's Itin. His printed Books, without doubt, were revised by one or more persons of skill, before they went to the Press, so the Latin might be set right.

There is a peal of six little Bells at Pangborne (in Berks) near Reading. 'Tis one of the prettiest Peals in England.

Aug. 27 (Tu.). Dr. William Baker, late Fellow of St. John's Coll. ¹⁰ Cambridge was chaplain formerly to Sir Philip Sydenham (at my friend Mr. Thomas Baker of that College's recommendation) and was preferred by him to the little Rectory of Brimpton. They lived together sometime in perfect friendship; what Provocation was after given, I cannot surely say, but Sir Ph. drew upon him, and the Dr. closing with him disarmed him, & broke his sword, which was never after forgiven. From that time, my friend aforesaid lost Sir Ph. & yet he did not please the Doctor, which is commonly the fate of Neuters. The Doctor's brother (with whom I thought this quarrel had been, till I was very lately better informed) was of Christ Church, who being left his Executor, was lately at St. John's, ²⁰ to adjust accounts with the College, which are very considerable, the Doctor dying their Bursar. The said Mr. Baker (who was of Christ Church) is named Thomas. I knew him. He was famed for singing.

Aug. 28 (Wed.). Wrote today to Dr. Rawlinson, at London House, signifying that as he designed many special books for the University, so I supposed he met with a grateful return, as I likewise hoped, that he received full satisfaction with respect to the inquiries he had to make, the better to enable him to carry on the worthy work, that was begun, about the Nonjurors, particularly the clergy, by Mr. Gandy, whose successor I desired the Doctor to send me. I also desired the Doctor to let me ³⁰ know, whether Mr. William Oldisworth (who was of Hart Hall) be dead or no, as I am told he is. He hath lived in London of late. He hath written several things, and professing honest principles, the Doctor could not be ignorant of him.

Aug. 29 (Thur.). Baroc. MS. 10, Glossarium. I think it should be printed. Baroc. 14, is a Greek MS. of 100 leaves, containing many

Aug. 28, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 91). 'As you designed many special books for the University, so I suppose you met with a grateful return, as I likewise hope that you received full satisfaction with respect to the inquiries you had to make, the better to enable you to carry on the worthy work that was begun by another, a R[ight] R[everend] whose successor I have not yet learned, but should be glad you would be so kind as to send it. Mr. William Oldisworth was of Hart Hall. Some body hath told me, that he is dead. Send me word whether it be true. He hath of late lived in London, and I suppose you cannot be ignorant of him, he being a Writer and professing honest principles. Mr. John Leak was his great acquaintance, but I have not seen Mr. Leak lately. . . . You have had many years the full account of what was, and is, due from my friend, your brother Thomas Rawlinson Esq. to, Dear Sir, Your &c.'

Grammatical pieces, that are very curious and ought to be printed. I formerly several times perused it with great delight.

Aug 30 (Fri.). Baroc. MS. 15 is a Greek MS. written about 600 years ago, in which are many things about the Paschal Cycle, which ought to be printed.

I was told yesterday by a Gentleman of Brasenose College, that Mr. Aynsworth hath finished and printed his Dictionary, but that 'tis not yet published.

Mr. Aynsworth formerly kept a boarding School, & had a very flourishing School. His wife is dead, but he had no children. He is not in orders. He was born in Lancashire, in which country he is about making a settlement, being down there at present, for the poor for ever, he having no relations but at a great distance. He hath been said to be a nonjuror. I think he is rather a Calvinist. Enquire whether he were ever of any University. He hath a very great collection of coins. A maid servant robbed him of many gold & silver ones. Dr. Middleton Massey is much acquainted with him. He is well spoken of in Westminster School.

Aug. 31 (Sat.). MS. Baroc. 17 Alexandri Magni Gesta. This 20 Greek MS. should be printed with the old Latin one, of which Latin MS. there are many copies, and I have one old one printed, the only printed one I ever saw. Nor did I know of it, when I printed Justin, where I have printed a passage from a Latin MS. of Alexander's Life.

On Wednesday last died Mr. Willis, a sensible farmer of Drayton by Dorchester in Oxfordshire. His wife died a few years before, a woman of great sense, & well versed in History and Antiquity.

Sept. 1 (Sun.). Mr. Baker in his letter of Aug. 15 last signifies that I have quoted Johannes Januensis right in my letter to him, for so it stands in his own copy. In his Catholicon is this account 'Compiler istius 30 operis dictus est frater Johannes Januensis de Balbis de ordine fratrum predicatorum modicus, qui etiam compilavit alium libellum in theologia, qui dicitur Dyalogus de questionibus anime ad Spiritum. Qui etiam compilavit quoddam opus Pascale, sed hoc opus composuit antequam Ordinem intraret.'

Aug. 31, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 62) [printed in *Letters from Bodl.* II. 98; see Diary Sept. 7, 13].

Aug. 31, 1734. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 179) [see Diary, Nov. 8, 9, 10, 11]. 'The contents of [your letter of Ap.] the 16th from Mr. West's title tattle somewhat surprized me, till I considered how much he is disgusted if anything escape the Press, or be only handed in MS. without communicating the secret to him, which I am perswaded you must think in many cases useless, in others dangerous to comply with. . . . The Pontificalia would be no secret to 200 people at St. Pancrass church, not probably all friends. . . . I dont know whether I mentioned Mr. W[est]'s disgust at my purchases last auction, tho' he knew, and all the company supported me in it, that as a creditor I had a right equal to any other. It was rather to oblige a friend than anything of my own knowledge that I subscribed to Mr. Shaw; he assures me the person is capable of what he proposes.'

I have noted several things about him in pag. 752 of Walter Hemynghorde.

Sept. 3 (Tu.). On Tuesday July 30 last, booths were put up in Port Meadow for the Oxford Horse Races. The Races began on Tuesd. Aug. 27 & ended last night Sept. 2 & the booths were taken down today, having been there 5 weeks. There were very few (hardly any persons of Quality and distinction) at these Races this year.

There is a fine MS. of John Hardyng's Chronicle in Selden's Library, of which I have spoken at the end in the Index of Alfred's Life. Nicholson in his Scottish Historical Library by a great Mistake makes it 10 a printed book.

There is also another fine MS. of Hardyng in Mus. Ashmol.; this hath Hardyng's picture at the beginning.

Lord Oxford hath an excellent MS. of Hardyng, agreeing (as I take it from the Passages printed from it in Mr. Bedford's *Hereditary Right*) with the MS. I have mentioned in Selden's Library.

Mr. George Ballard, of Campden, calling upon me at Edmund Hall yesterday in the afternoon, told me he had collected the Inscriptions in the churches of Worcestershire near him, & offered them to Dr. Thomas, who is said to be about publishing the Antiquities of Worcester-²⁰ shire, tho' he hath heard nothing from the Doctor as yet.

This is the same Dr. Thomas, that put out a new edition of Dugdale's Warwickshire, which I have not yet seen, so cannot judge of it. But I find that the old one is better esteemed.

Sept. 4 (Wed.). I wrote not long agoe to Mr. Baker about Martinus Polonus's Chronicle, who tells me in his letter of Aug. 15, that they have not the edition of his Works published at Cologne, by Joan. Fabr. Caesar either in their public Library or in their Library at St. John's College. He adds 'But we have a Collection of Historical Pieces relating to Germany published Argentorati MDCLXXXV and amongst these Martinus³⁰ Polonus. At Pope Benedictus is added this note:—*Joannes Caesar lectori. Candide lector, ne mireris hoc loco praetermulti Joannem, quem vocant Octavum, foeminam ortam, ut fabulantur, Moguntiae. Non erasmus e codice nostro, ut fortassis criminaberis; verum candide ea que scripta invenimus, edimus. Nihil plane addidimus, nihil etiam subtraximus.* And yet this copy concludes with Clemens IV, 1265. I am of your opinion that *Papa Famina* is an interpolation, and yet to ballance the authority you mention, I shall tell you what I know of equall authority. In a MS. of Mart. Polonus, in all appearance of his own age, which I purchased of the late Mr. Wagstaffe (& is among his MSS. in the⁴⁰ Oxford Catalogue) betwixt Leo & Benedict stands *Johannes Anglicus . . . sedit ann. II menses V dies IIII. Hic ut asseritur femina fuit.* Then

Sept. 2, 1734. H. to Benjamin Howell (Rawl. 15. 89). Sir Thomas Sebright's books, price 10 guineas and a half, were sent to London Dec. 4, 1733, in accordance with the instructions of the letter of Nov. 27, 1733; but H. has received no money.

Sept. 3, 1734. Charles Davis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 261) [see Diary, Sept. 15].

follows the story at large. The MS. in an old hand concludes with Clemens V, giving an account of his life but not of his death; for there follows in a hand more modern *Anno dom. mcccxxiii die xx Aprilis diem clausit extremum*. By this MS. it seems to be implied that Mart. Polonus was then living. It is the same MS. that is quoted by Ed. Browne in his *Fasciculus* vol. II pag. 415 thus 'Non ponitur Johanna Papissa in Catalogo Pontificum (verba sunt Martini ipsius Pape penitenciarum in MS. historia penes Tho. Wagstaff, rectorem S. Margarete Patton Lond.) propter muliebris sexus quantum ad hoc deformitatem.'

10 They are the very words of Mr. Wagstaff's, now mine or the College's [St. John's College] MS. So you have a reason given, why this Story is left out of our Catalogues, which satisfied Mr. Browne, and if you had his faith, you would believe it.

Sept. 5 (Thur.). Lord Oxford's MS. which is of the age of Ric. II, as I take it, hath the Passage. Martinus's picture is at the beginning, a pretty illumination, but in miniature, sitting in a chair, and dipping a pen with his right hand in an Inkhorn and holding a book in his left hand. Ask Mr. Baker, whether his MS. hath any Illumination.

- 20 **Sept. 6 (Fri.).** A Conge de Elire hath been ordered to be sent to the Dean & Chapter of Winchester, for electing Dr. Benj. Hoadley, Bp. of Sarum, to be Bp. of Winchester; also to Sarum, for Dr. Sherlock, Bp. of Bangor, to be Bp. of Sarum; and to Gloucester, for Dr. Rundall, Prebendary of Durham, to be Bp. of Gloucester. N.B. Rundall being violently objected against by Edm. Gibson, Bp. of London, he was set aside, and Martin Benson made Bp. of Glou. instead of him.

Hoadley kissed K. George's hand for the said see of Winchester on Friday Aug. 30 last.

- 30 **Sept. 7 (Sat.).** Mr. Baker hath often taken notice of John Major's being charmed with the music of the bells of Cambridge, and yet they had then no bells at St. Mary's, the Church being then building, & the Tower (where they hang) being not finished, till the beginning of King James I's reign. They have now a good ring of ten bells. Mr. Baker says, in his letter of Aug. 31, 'the music he [John Major] speaks of, must have been from the religious houses, & that only chyming to their nocturnal devotions, which was beyond any thing they had in Scotland. He was, I think, of Christ's College, only a Sojourner here, for I do not find, he took any degree with us.'

- 40 **Sept. 9 (Mon.).** On Saturday last died Mr. Emot of St. Peter's in the East, in the 51st year of his age, who some years since was an Excise man, but turned out, because he was too honest for the men of that tribe. He was a courteous, obliging, sensible man. He supported himself afterwards in Oxford by keeping a victualling House. His wife died some

Sept. 5, 1734. H. to Charles Davis (Rawl. 27 B. 261) [see Diary, Sept. 15].

considerable time before him. He hath left only one daughter, a pretty woman, unmarried. He was buried tonight, between 9 & 10 clock in St. Peter's in the East churchyard by his wife.

Sept. 10 (Tu.). Mr. West in going through part of South Wales, at Uske met lately with the following Inscription in the churchyard 'Here lies the body of David Lewis, who was condemned for a Priest and a Jesuit and executed the 27th of August 1679. Beati mortui qui in Domino moriuntur.'

Sept. 11 (Wed.). Edw. Burton Esq. called upon me yesterday. He said Dr. Wilkins, who published the Coptick Testament and the Coptick 10 Pentateuch, designs another part of the scriptures in Coptick, to which he will joyn a Coptick Grammar & Lexicon, which he hath compiled already.

Dr. Wilkins many years ago undertook to write *The History of the Church of Alexandria*. He finished it, and 'tis in MS. in two folios, as Mr. Burton said.

The MSS. copies of *Quadrilogus* are more common than the printed copies. Mr. Burton hath a printed Copy, which he hath compared with Edw. Gryme's *Vita Thome Beckettii* in Bibl. Cott. Vesp. E. x. He hath lent it me. The printed copies are very faulty. 20

Sept. 12 (Thur.). Mr. Loveday hath seen in the hands of a Gentlewoman near Caversham (by Reading) a grant from the Church of Norwich, bearing date anno 15 Eliz. of the scite of the late dissolved parish Church, called St. Mary in the Marsh in Norwich, with the Churchyards, Parsonage house, &c.

The late Mr. Phanuel Bacon, minister of St. Laurence's in Reading, wrote and published *A Pastor's Admonition in a Letter to his Parishoners*, Reading, 1727, 8^{vo} in one sheet. The said Admonition is in two parts.

Sept. 13 (Fri.). There is a discovery (as Mr. Baker tells me Aug. 31) 30 made by Mr. Palmer in his History of Printing, App. pag. 300, of a book, in the late Lord Pembroke's Library, printed by Gutenberg anno 1458, viz. St. Gregorie's Dialogues, with this Colophon:—*factum est per Johan. Gutenbergium apud Argentinam anno mcccclviii*. And yet (says Mr. Baker) after all, I am told, it is a mistake, & that mistake corrected in a separate sheet, or half sheet, which I have not yet met with. Have you, Sir, seen or heard of it? If it be genuine, it is the only book yet appears with the name Gutenberg. If it be a mistake, it is a very strang (*sic*) one, especially from a printer.

Sept. 14 (Sat.). Dr. Wilkins does not meet with that encouragement 40 for printing our Brittish English Councils, which he expected, so that he begins to be weary of the undertaking.

Dr. Wilkins some years since examined the Oxford Marbles, & he keeps his Transcript by him.

Edward Burton Esq. also transcribed many of them.

Mr. Samuel Newman, tho' a Puritan, was yet a very usefull man, and author of the English Concordance, which is the best. Quaere whether Mr. Baker can tell any thing of him more than is in col. 330 of Vol. II of the 2nd Ed. of Ath. Oxon.

John Marbeck, the organist of Windsor, was the first that made an English Concordance, a usefull & laborious work also. He seems likewise to have been a Precisian. I have often wondered that a Musician would be at that drudgery. Hardly any one of that Profession
10 would now adays submit to it.

Sept. 15 (Sun.). One Charles Davis (a Bookseller of Paternoster Row) wrote to me, that he should shortly put to the Press and reprint Bishop Nicholson's *English, Scotch & Irish Historical Librarys* in one volume folio. He said an intimate friend of his assured him, that I had corrected and made large additions to the whole; if I cared to communicate them in order to be made publick, he said he should be glad to make me any reasonable acknowledgement. He desired an answer per post. Accordingly I returned an answer on the 5th viz: 'Sir, You tell me an intimate friend of yours hath assured you, that I have corrected & made
20 large additions to Bishop Nicholson's *English, Scotch & Irish Librarys*. You will excuse me from saying more, 'till you tell me the name of your intimate friend. I am, Sir, your most humble servant, Tho. Hearne.' Since which I have heard no more from Davis. Nor is it likely, that he will discover the name. For if any one told him so, he told him a great lye, and if no one told him so, then Davis himself must have forged a great lye.

Sept. 16 (Mon.). As for the said Davis, he is the same that a few years since was prosecuted for reprinting a very vile book on purpose to get money. So that I should not care to do any thing for him. Indeed
30 I do not care to have any thing more to do with any booksellers, I mean to write any thing for them, or to let them have any thing of mine to print, whatever friendly service I may do for them in other particulars.

When Mr. Burton called upon me on Tuesday last he spoke also of reprinting *Nicholson's 3 Hist. Libraries* in one folio, & said Mr. Woodward, a London bookseller, designed it, but he said not one word of Davis. Nor did I take any notice of Davis to him.

Sept. 17 (Tu.). Yesterday Mr. Wilkins, a goldsmith (a man about 40 years old) by Cairfax, was chosen Mayor of the City of Oxford for 1734, & Mr. Daniel Shilfox, a taylor, and Mr. William Ives, a mercer, were
40 chosen bayliffs.

Sept. 18 (Wed.). I think that there is a printed *Quadrilogus* in Sir Thomas Sebright's Library with MS. notes and corrections, prepared for the Press by Sir Roger Twysden.

Last night was buried Mr. Rawlins, Mancipal of Christ Church, who died 3 days before, aged near fourscore. He had been Mancipal 48 years (or more) being put in by Bp. Fell. He was a man of a fair character.

This day I delivered back to Bp. Tanner a 4^{to} Paper MS. I borrowed of him, in which is a form of the Coronation of our Kings. It was written in the time of Hen. VI. I think the Collector was William Wyrecestre. I put it into the Bishop's own hands.

The Bishop returned from Wales about a week since. He had given him in his journey an old Parchment Roll of our kings & the Bishops of Winchester down to the time of Hen. VI; the Bishop designs to compare it with Thomas Rudborne published by Wharton.

Sept. 19 (Thur.). Bishop Tanner told me yesterday, he had got *Liber Regalis*, in which is an old form of the Coronation of our Kings, but 10 he did not shew it me.

To ask Mr. Baker, what he remembers about the old form of crowning our Kings, & who 'tis that hath wrote on the Subject. Many things to this purpose may be had in Selden's Titles of Honour.

Sept. 20 (Fri.). The Print tells us, that on Saturday night Sept. 7 last was finished, a very neat Monument to the memory of Samuel Mead Esq. which is affixed to the northern part of the wall in the Round which makes the Passage from the West Gate to the Temple Church, of exquisite Workmanship in curious Marble, in which is a hollow Oval, which contains a beautiful Bust of the Deceased; on the Top whereof is 20 placed a Vase, and beneath, his Coat of Arms; under which in two Columns is the following inscription.

[Inscription omitted.]

Sept. 21 (Sat.). I suppose the MS. of Martinus Polonus that Mr. Baker hath, which formerly belonged to Mr. Wagstaffe, is that mentioned in p. 85 of the Catalogue. Inquire what became of Mr. Wagstaffe's other MSS. Also what sort of thing that of them is called *Brief Discourse in praise of Ric. III King of England*. I suppose it to be much in the strain of Buck. John Ross was a coeval Writer, & much to be preferred to later Writers. We know what he hath said. And no doubt, but 30 Sir Thomas More followed good vouchers, & considering Sir Thomas's honesty, I make no doubt that he hath wrote truly.

Sept. 22 (Sun.). Among Mr. Wagstaffe's MSS., num. 3489. 28 is *Cowell's Interpreter, Autographon Auctoris*. This may be of service with respect to some things that have been said of the author, which I think Bishop Kennett takes notice of in his edition of the *Interpreter*, but I forget particulars. I cannot tell, whether it hath any thing singular about coronations.

Sept. 23 (Mon.). Bishop Nicolson in p. 84 of his Engl. Hist. Libr. tells us that those that are dissatisfied with any Passages in Buck's His- 40 tory of Ric. III may have recourse to a copy, Bib. Cott., Tib. E. 10, corrected and amended in every Page. This he had from Dr. Smith, who had observed the same before in his Catalogue. The Book is since burnt, only a few leaves are left, burnt round.

This morning about 1 clock died of the small Pox, Mr. Hoell, one of the fellows of Magd. Coll. Oxford. He died in the College, being always

very fearfull of that distemper, which made him for the most part keep in.

Sept. 24 (Tu.). The Hon. Cuthbert Constable Esq. went in April 1734 from Burton Constable to Wycliffe, to see his brother Tunstall, where he was to stay about a week, and then he told me (in his letter of Ap. 18) he should make some short stay at Upsal Castle near Thirsk, where he hath an estate, where, I suppose, he is now, because he said when he left that place, he would give me notice wherever he went.

Sept. 25 (Wed.). Seymour Choldmondeley Esq. hath assured me, 10 that one (for his affairs would not give him time to do it himself) who has transcribed almost all the register of Vale Royal Abbey, told him, that he had met with nothing historical in it, but of private families.

From the Northampton Mercury for Mond. Sept. 23:—

London, Sept. 17. On Thursday last, Sept. 12, the Rev. D^r. William Stewart, Chancellor of the Diocese of Exeter died at Bath.

Sept. 26 (Thur.). Cuthbert Constable Esq. hath not *Quadrilogus*; but he hath an old MS. of the life of Tho. a Beckett, but on paper, and not in a very old hand. So in his letter of Mar. 27, 1734.

Sept. 27 (Fri.). Radulphus Niger is reckoned by Archbishop Usher 20 'inter auctores antiquiores, quibus potior habenda est fides', Usher, Brit. Eccl. Primord. p. 39.

Sept. 28 (Sat.). Yesterday being the obit of William of Wickham (founder of New College) and the festival of St. Cosmas & Damianus, some of the Oxford Ringers agreed to ring at New College, proposing to ring 6876 cator changes upon the 10 bells there. They designed to have begun at eleven in the morning, but 'twas near twelve before they began, for they had rang only two hundred changes when the clock struck twelve. They had so many gross faults that 'tis not worth while to particularize them all, only thus much may be noted, that a Bob was missed 30 being called before they had got to two hundred and that they strangely blundered a little after they had rang 600, and so again a little after they had rang 1100, and so after 1400 and 1900, and at length when they had rang 2714 (which wants 4162 of the whole) they were quite out, it being then 3 quarters after one. Then they set the bells, & soon after began again, and rang 650, and made an end at very near half hour after 2, so that the whole both times were 3364 changes in two hours and a half, whereas they rang on the 1st of May last 3475 changes in two hours and nineteen minutes. I was very apprehensive yesterday when they first began, that they would not perform their task, the compass being too

Sept. 25, 1734. Philip Harcourt to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 345). Sends copies of letters of Charles I, printed by H. at the end of Vol. II of Benedictus Abbas.

Sept. 28, 1734. Charles Davis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 262) [see Diary, Oct. 30].

Sept. 29, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 64) [see Diary, Dec. 11, 12, 13, 14].

wide, and the person that rang the ninth bell making a bad step even at first. Tho' 'twas so wet, I heard them all the time, walking for that purpose up and down in the Parks on the east side of Wadham College. Had they finished the Peal, and done it well, I should have taken care to transmitt to print (in one of my books that I print at the Theater) the names of the several ringers to posterity, 6876 changes having never as yet at one time been rung in Oxford. But as the performance was bad (considering the character each ringer bore for his skill in the art of ringing), as it will not be for their credit to have their names mentioned, so neither will it be for the honour of William of Wickham, to discover 10 who the persons were, that performed so lamely on the day he died, which day ought to be observed with all possible decorum, & the ringing should be then as clean and true as can be, for which reason I shall pass over, what might be farther observed, in silence.

Sept. 29 (Sun.). MS. Baroc. 35, many curious anonymous Grammatical Greek pieces, which I have formerly perused with much pleasure, divers of which should be published, with many other things of that kind.

Sept. 30 (Mon.). The *Quadrilogus* was printed at Paris in 4^{to} per Magistrum Johannem Philippi Alemanum anno 1495, but the printed 20 copies are rather scarcer than those in MSS. I have not seen Tyrrell's Gen. Hist. of England, but I think he says Vol. II, Preface f. XI, that he never saw the *Quadrilogus*. If he does say so (for I cannot be positive) I wonder at it, since 'tis in print in Bodley, whither he used to come very often, on purpose to consult books, manuscript and printed, relating to the History and Antiquities of England. I suppose Bishop Moore had a printed Copy, and perhaps corrected, there being a great many faults.

Oct. 1 (Tu.). Lord Clarendon, Vol. III, part 1, p. 232 (Oxon, 1706, 8^{vo}) mentions an attempt for K. Charles I's escape, being then a Prisoner in the Isle of Wight. He speaks of one Doucet, as an honest man, whom 30 the King had known before, and who was there placed to wait upon him at his back stairs. Whitlock also in his Memorials of the English Affairs, p. 309, 312, 329 speaks of this Doucet. I must remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether he hath met with any thing more than what is mentioned in those two authors about this Doucet.

Yesterday the new Mayor (Mr. Wilkins) of Oxford was admitted, & other matters as usual on that occasion were done, among which Mr. Roger Holman was rechosen of the Council.

Oct. 2 (Wed.). In the Eastern Countries at Constantinople &c. they called formerly the Quire of a Church *solea*, because it was the farthest 40 part of the church next the sun. This may appear from the old Ceremonial of crowning Kings preserved in Cantacuzenus, as well as in Codrinus, tho' 'tis not so full in Codrinus as in Cantacuzenus. Mr. Selden hath given it us in his *Titles of Honour*, where he likewise gives us the form of crowning elected Kings made use of in the Western Empire, and this latter he does from the *Pontificale*, which tho' a printed book, is yet very scarce. This *Pontificale* is looked upon as a book of great authority, even by Protestants as well as Romanists.

Oct. 3 (Thur.). What we call *Astrology* was formerly called *Astronomy*, and I have heard even in these times George Parker, who writes the Ephemeris, displeased at the word *Astrology*, contending that it should be Astronomy, observing that Astrology was a contemptuous expression. It seems Andrew Borde's little book of Astronomy in the publick Library of Cambridge treats of *Astrology* not of *Astronomy*, which shews that the word *Astrology* was not then in vogue. As for George Parker, I used often to talk with him in this and other Subjects, when, in Q. Anne's time, he was with us at Oxford, and lodged in Mr. Thwaites's chambers
 10 in Queen's College, Mr. Thwaites inviting him thither on purpose, Mr. Parker having shewed him great Civilities in London, when Mr. Thwaites was there for a great while together, on account of his lameness, being under the management of Charles Bernard the surgeon.

Oct. 4 (Fri.). Archbishop Usher in p. 39 in his Book *de Brit. eccl. primordiis* mentioned two ancient coins found in England, one silver, the other gold. The silver one was in the hands of Joseph Holland, the gold one among the curiosities of Sir Rob. Cotton. Both had the image of a Christian King (that he was Christian appeared from the sign of the Cross upon them) & certain obscure letters, which seems to be LVC.
 20 That 'twas Lucius, the 1st Christian King, was the opinion of the Archbishop.

Oct. 5 (Sat.). Archbishop Usher always quoted Radulphus Niger, as an Historian of good authority, as he does likewise Johannes Castoreus, & *Chronica Britonum abbreviata*; see *ibid.* p. 53. I have now by me Jo. Castoreus, the first part of which is styled Brutus abbreviatus. I must remember to ask Lord Oxford (from whom I had Castoreus) whether he hath got Niger.

This day, in a Convocation at two-Clock in the afternoon, Dr. Holmes, President of St. John's College, was admitted Vice-Chancellour for the
 30 year 1734, being his fourth year.

Oct. 6 (Sun.). Archbishop Usher, in p. 57; quotes the old British Book or old Welsh Chronicle, formerly belonging to Humphrey Lhuyd, but is now in the Cottonian Library, which book Geffry of Monmouth is thought to have translated. Which if so, that cannot be true, which some modern Welsh begin now to affirm, that Geffry made the Chronicle himself in Latin, and afterwards translated it into Welsh.

Oct. 7 (Mon.). Archbishop Usher frequently quotes Capgrave's *Legenda Aurea*, which book is now grown very scarce, and is worth ten guineas. Some few have urged me to reprint it, but I cannot resolve to
 40 do this, since some (it may be) would be apt to clamour about it, and yet notwithstanding the fables in it, it contains divers things of good antiquity, well worth remarking. There was a MS. of this Book in the Cotton

Oct. 5, 1734. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 826) [*see* Diary, Dec. 7]. The Bishop of London and Dr. Waterland advise the reprinting of Dr. Pococke's Comments on the Minor Prophets with his Life prefixed to them.

Library, Otho D. ix ; but 'tis destroyed or defaced. Remember to desire Mr. West to see in what condition it is.

Oct. 8 (Tu.). MS. Baroc. 38, Oppiani Haliutica. Mr. Jones of Balliol College (who a few years since published Oppian in English) would have done good service, had he published him also in Greek and Latin, editions of him in those languages being scarce. Mr. Jones dyed very lately a schoolmaster at Tiverton.

Oct. 9 (Wed.). Dr. Archer, Archdeacon of Wells, tells me from Wells of the first inst. that he hath searched all the registers and records, he can meet with and cannot find any such person as John Merelynych mentioned : 10 which trouble he very readily undertook at my request, when I mentioned to him, that John Merelynych, monk of Glastonbury, was an historian temp. Ed. II.

Oct. 10 (Thur.). There were 2 London editions, from 2 several differing MSS. of Matt. Westminster's *Flores Historiarum*, both in folio, one 1567, the other 1573. They are *ab exordio mundi usque ad annum domini 1307*. I have both these editions. There was an edition at Francfort 1601 fol., which I have not. They tell us, the author flourished anno 1377, because the History was continued to that time. But it ought to be considered nicely, whether Matthew himself or some other continued 20 it. Ask Mr. Baker how low the Francfort edition comes. [N.B. The continuation is not Matthew's.]

Oct. 11 (Fri.). Mr. Baker, by turning the Bishop of Ely Dr. Moore's books, with Dr. Middleton, hath at last met with Dr. Borde's little book that I wrote to him about. The Title thus: *The Princples of Astronamy the whiche diligently perscruted is in a manner a pronosticacyon to the worldes end, compyled by Andrew Boord of phisick Doctor.*

Mr. Baker hath sent me the whole Preface, offering at the same time to send me any part of the book I should have a mind to, tho' there is no need, the Preface being indeed all that is of moment in it. 30

Oct. 12 (Sat.). Yesterday died Mrs. Godfrey, wife of Mr. Thomas Godfrey, one of our Oxford Carriers or Waggoners to London. She was a very notable woman, & he hath a great loss by her death. She died in St. Marie's parish Oxford, where they have lived many years, but they lived before at Heddington near Oxford. She was fifty-five years of age.

The MS. of *Martinus Polonus* that belonged to Mr. Wagsiaffe has not his Picture or Illumination, only is in a fair hand, & the Initial capital Letters are red. Mr. Baker in turning his Letters, finds Mr. Wagstaffe was of opinion, it was wrote in the time of the author.

Oct. 13 (Sun.). Dr. John Pell, who had been of Trinity College in 40 Cambridge, was a very great man in Mathematical Learning, and was a Professor beyond sea, where he was very much admired by Gerardus Johannes Vossius. In his old age he was reduced to great straits, and

Oct. 13, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 122) [see Diary, Oct. 25, and the end of Vol. II of Benedictus Abbas].

when he died he was buried by contributions, chiefly procured by Dr. Richard Busby, the famous Schoolmaster, who much admired him and had his MSS. papers which were of good value, but what is become of those papers since Dr. Busby's death, I know not. Perhaps Mr. Baker can tell. Were they lodged in Trinity College, it would be for the credit of the College, as it was for their credit to have the author bred up among them.

Bellenden's Translation of Hector Boetius is in St. John's College Library at Cambridge, but imperfect; & so is Joh. Major, tho' they have
10 it in the Publick Library, perfect. Both these books are great rarities, but Bellenden is scarcest.

To ask Mr. Baker about Mr. Corbet, mentioned under July 11, 1734.

William Yorke of the parish of St. Michael in the City of Oxford, Esq., was buried at White Waltham in Berks the 13th day of June 1722.

Oct. 14 (Mon.). Benj. Hoadly, Aulæ Cath: Art. Bac. anno 1695; Art. Mag. anno 1699. So Mr. Baker in his letter of Sept. 14, who said he had not yet met with his degree of Doctor, if he had it there. Dr. Sherlock, now Bishop of Salisbury, was likewise of that little House (Cath. Hall), & they look upon it as very much for the honour of that little
20 House, that it has produced two of our Principal Prelates (Dr. Sherlock & Hoadly, at Salisbury and Winchester). The last has usually (and regularly) gone to an Oxford man, as Ely to Cambridge.

Hoadly is a man of parts, but superficial learning, and of vile republican Principles, yet his Schemes are struck in with by abundance of people, even by many of those, that some years since abhorred them, & decryed upon all occasions Hoadly and his doctrines, as indeed he was some time ago the common Topick or Theme of discourse, & he was preached and wrote against all over the nation, occasioned chiefly by a penny sermon of his, which had they let it alone, would have died in
30 a fortnight's time, to such little beginnings do some men owe their rise.

Oct. 15 (Tu.). Mr. Baker hath seen the Monumenta Kempiana, but knows nothing more of Mr. Aynsworth, than that he is Publisher of that Book; so that I suppose Mr. Aynsworth was of no University, at least of no English one.

The late Dr. Henry Aldrich, Dean of Christ Church, had but a mean opinion, and used to speak slightly, of Dr. Humphr. Prideaux, Dean of Norwich, as an unaccurate muddy headed man. Prideaux's chief skill was in orientals, and yet even there he was far from being perfect in either, unless in Hebrew, which he was well versed in. In 1677 he was
40 preparing for the Press an edition of Dionysius Halicarnasseus, to be printed at the Theatre, but it came to nothing, I know not for what reason, unless because it was found, that 'twould be as uncorrect as his *Marmora Oxoniensia*, & that he would do little or nothing to it, besides heaping up notes, and yet from a letter in his own hand I gather, that

Oct. 15, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 358). Would like a copy of 'a Print of Anthony Wood in his Master of Arts Habit under an arch, engraved by Michael Burghers.' [See also Diary, Oct. 17].

he intended to be short in them, & to make them consist only of references to other authors, where the several stories were also told. As for MSS. I perceive from that letter that he would not trouble himself about any, but rest wholly upon what had been done to his hands by former editors.

Oct. 16 (Wed.). Mr. Loveday was at Finchamstead Church, near Ockingham in Berks, on Oct. 1st last. There is no memorial of Mr. John Brandon in that Church, tho' he was certainly buried there. There is one son of his now living in the Parish. His name is Charles. He was bred up a money Scrivener; he is now so very poor, that his family is kept by the Parish. He is near forty years of age, and is good for nothing. He has a sister married to Mr. Lowen, that hunts the King's hounds. He has another sister, who bears a great character & is the wife of one Hall, a noted Draper in Maidenhead. 10

On the same day Mr. Loveday was at Binfield Church, where there is no Memorial of Mr. Salomon Nash, their late Rector, who was buried under the Altar there, as Mr. Loveday was informed. He left a widow, who soon married again.

Oct. 17 (Thur.). Mr. West knows nothing more of Andrew Borde, than what is related by Anthony Wood. Nor hath he in his study a single book of his writing. Lord Oxford hath only one book of Dr. Borde's writing. So Mr. West in his letter of Oct. 15. 20

Mr. West hath lately met with a letter or two from Sir Thomas Bodley, under his own hand, not printed (he takes it) in his *Reliquiae*. He will send me copies, if they will afford me any amusement. The *Reliquiae* relate to his Library affairs, & so do what I printed at the end of John of Glastonbury. I shall be glad to have copies of Mr. West's, let them be upon what subject they will.

Oct. 19 (Sat.). The walls of Silchester are standing more or less perfect, especially the whole north side of the wall. The Composition is chiefly flint for the space of four foot high; then a binding of three layers of Ragstone laid flat. In many places five of these double intervals remain for a great length. Here and there Roman Bricks are left in the Walls. There was a broad Ditch quite round, and now for the most part impassable and full of springs. Tho' the walls are of this considerable height on the outside, yet the ground is so raised within side as nearly to be equal to the top. Oaks and other timber trees of no mean bulk grow on the walls. Not long since Lady Blessington cut 500l. worth of timber from thence. Constantine the Great built it, according to Gildas, and sowed corn in the track of the walls, as an omen of their perpetuity. Indeed now the whole City is arable; and among the fields Roman Brick, Bits of Pots, Rubbish of Buildings are scattered every where; and coins are picked up every day. 'Tis a Parallelogram, whose shortest side to the longest is as 3 to 4. Its length about 2,600 feet, its breadth 2,000, standing conformable to the four cardinal Points. It had two Gates upon the length opposite. There is only one farm house within it, & the Church. To the East by that house the Gate is still visible, and several Roman bricks thereabouts. All the yards here are like a solid rock with rubbish pavements and mortar cemented together. Mr. Betham had 40

collected a vast number of coins and antiquities found here. He is buried under the north wall of the Chancel without side. Within is another monument of a person of Quality [Lord Irkirrin¹]. 'Tis remarkable, that a wall only divides them in their graves, who both met with a sad and disastrous Fate at different times in the same place, being drowned in Fleet Ditch. Onion's hole is an Arch in the foundation for the Issue of a Sewer. A spring arises from under the wall at the Church Yard. The streets are still visible in the corn. Rings with stones in them are often found among Inscriptions, & all sorts of other antiquities.

- 10 Five hundred foot without the City on the North East corner is another great curiosity ; the people think 'twas a Castle, but (saith Dr. Stuckley) I presently discerned it to be an Amphitheatre. 'Tis in bulk, in shape and all points the same as that of Dorchester, but not built of so solid Materials, for 'tis chiefly clay and gravel. It stands in a yard by the Road side, near a ruinous house & barn upon a ruinous piece of ground.

- Eastward toward the Road there is a pit sixty foot high on the outside ; the whole Area within is now covered with water, but they say 'tis not above three foot deep ; the bottom of it and the work must be exceedingly solid and well compacted to retain the water so many years without
20 draining thro' ; 'tis a most noble and beautiful Concave, but intirely overgrown with Thorn Bushes, Briars, Holly, Broom, Furz, Oak and Ash trees &c., and has from time immemorial been a yard for Cattle and a watering Pond ; so that 'tis a wonder their trampling has not defaced it much more. I examined this fine antiquity with all the exactness I could.

- The Terras at the Top, the Circular Walk, the whole Form is not obscure ; 'tis posited exactly as that before described with its longest Diameter from North East to South West ; its Entrance North East, tho' farthest from the City ; there is an Ascent to it from the entrance side,
30 that being upon the lowest ground ; at the upper end, the Levell of the ground is not much below the Top of the Terras, and vastly above that of the Area.

So that I conceive the better sort of people went that way from the City directly to their seats ; there is such a Gap too in that part from the ruin of the Cave, where the wild beasts were kept.

An old house standing there with an orchard has forwarded its ruin from that part, and they levelled some part of the Terras for their Garden.

- Surveying the whole could not but put me in mind of that piece of
40 Roman magnificence, when the Emperor caused great Trees to be taken up by the roots and planted in the Amphitheatre and Circi *pro tempore* to imitate forrests wherein they hunted, which here is presented in pure nature.

So far from Dr. Stuckley, a whimsical man, & most of this is fancy, particularly about the Amphitheatre and the Pit.

Oct. 20 (Sun.). The following particulars relating to Silchester I had from Mr. Loveday Oct. 15 last, when he returned from Caversham :—

¹ Ikerrin, in the Complete Peerage.

'Some of the layers of Ragstone are not laid flat but shelving. The house just by the Castle is called the Castle Farm. The Castle stands in Mortimer Parish. There seems to have been two entrances to the Castle opposite to one another.'

Oct. 21 (Mon.). Wrote today to Mr. West, and desired him to see in the Cotton Library in what condition the MS. is of Capgrave's *Legenda Sanctorum* (Otho D. IX.), and at leisure send word to me.

On Sat. last Dr. Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph, told me Dr. George Clarke was urgent for reprinting Leland's Itinerary. He said (what I had also suggested) that Dr. Rob. Shippen (he believed) was the promoter. ¹⁰ Just before, viz. the same day, Dr. Isham, Rector of Lincoln, told me also to reprint it, saying that otherwise some body else would, and he named that vile wretch Bilson of All Souls College, who is great with Dr. Rob. Shippen, would most certainly do it.

I hear Dr. Stuart, who died lately, hath given to St. John's College Oxon the *Tractatus Tractatum*. I am told that All Souls College gave some time ago four score pounds for the *Tractatus Tractatum*.

James Windet, M.D., who was originally of this Univ. of Oxford, but afterwards of Leyden, & incorporated from thence M.D. of Oxford, was a very learned & very curious man, as appears particularly from his book *de statu mortuorum*, in which is a great deal of Rabbinical learning.

On Thur. Oct. 17 last was buried at All Hallows Church Oxford, one Mr. Rixon, who died the Tuesday immediately before in that parish of All Hallows, where he lived. He died a single man, worth much money, aged 64, some of which he left the parish. His father was a painter of that parish. When young, he belonged to the Quire of Christ Church, and afterwards he was steward in a noble family, where chiefly he got his money.

Oct. 24 (Thur.). Mr. George, a taylor of Oxford by Balliol College, who is an excellent ringer, is fifty-five years of age. ³⁰

Oct. 25 (Fri.). Mr. Baker on the 13th sent me from Cambridge, the copy of a paper from the paper office, which is therefore very authentick, signed A. Dowcett, being Dowcett's testimony of the horrid villany of Rolfe, who designed to have murdered K. Charles I. Rolfe was tryed for this and acquitted, which you may easily imagin, considering his very judges were enemies of the King.

Oct. 26 (Sat.). Yesterday Bishop Tanner lent me the following letter of Col. Hammond, with some others relating to the Armies taking his Majesty K. Charles I away out of the Isle of Wight. He lent them for my perusal, but this I have transcribed, because it shows that the King ⁴⁰ was with some difficulty brought to give his Paroll.

[Extracts from Tanner MS. lvii. 404, a letter of Col. Hammond of Nov. 7, 1648;

Oct. 22, 1734. Bp. Tanner to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 227). Sends a reference from the Monasticon 'which I could not find when you were with me on Saturday'. Desires to borrow H.'s copy of Ashmole's Berks.

Oct. 24, 1734. Bishop Tanner to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 226) [see Diary, Oct. 29].

lvii. 417, a letter of Fairfax Nov. 21, 1648; lvii. 428, a letter to Hammond; and other letters in that volume.]

Returned the said Papers to Bishop Tanner, Mon. Oct. 28, leaving them with one of his menservants, himself being at dinner at Univ. Coll.

Oct. 29 (Tu.). Bishop Tanner in his letter from Christ Church to me on the 24th told me that the most particulars that he hath met with (besides traditionary reports) of any motion or attempt for K. Charles I's escape, is in the narrative of Col. Cook which he then sent me in MS. as he had it among Archbishop Sancroft's papers, which Bishop Tanner
10 saith he never saw printed, as the Archbishop saith it was.

NB. I have the said narrative printed at Lond. 1711 for Tho. Baker, 8^{vo}, with Sir. Tho. Herbert's Memoirs of the two last years of Charles I &c.; and I think, tho' I will not be positive, I have seen it printed in 1690, as the Archbishop noted. Remember to mention it to Mr. Baker, & know of him, whether if printed then, anything else were printed with it.

Bishop Tanner at the same time told me, he is of opinion that the King, being so regardfull of his word and honor, would never come into such an attempt, how necessary soever his friends and servants thought
20 it. Not but that at first he was with some difficulty brought to give his Paroll, as may be found by an original letter of Col^l. Hammond's, which with some others, relating to the Armies taking his Majesty away out of the Isle of Wight, he sent me for my perusal.

Whatever the Bishop may say, there certainly was a design for the King's escape, as plainly appears from Clarendon, and Doucett was concerned in it, who was an honest man, & knew well how treacherously and dishonourably they had acted by the King.

Bishop Tanner at the same time told me that in a list he hath of the servants attending his majesty in the Isle of Wight and petitioning the
30 Parliament for some salary Jan. 11, 1648 is Mr. Dowcett, Clerk of the Kitchen.

Oct. 30 (Wed.). On the 28th of Sept. last Charles Davis wrote me an answer to mine of the 5th of that month as follows:—' Sir, Having been out of Town I was prevented answering your letter sooner. The Gentleman's name is Mr. Burton. I am, &c. Cha. Davis.'

So Davis's letter. Upon which I thought fit to stay, till I had (as I expected) an opportunity of seeing Mr. Burton (viz. Edw. Burton Esq.) who calling upon me last Sunday told me, he was so far from being Mr. Davis's intimate friend, that he did not know him. Upon which
40 I wrote today the following letter to Mr. Davis:—' To Mr. Charles Davis, bookseller in Pater Noster Row. Sir, I received yours of Sept. 28, and on the 27th of this instant October, I saw Mr. Burton, who, it seems, is so far from being your intimate friend, that he does not know you. Be that as it will, I decline your proposal, and am, Sir, your most humble servant, Tho. Hearne.'

The late Francis Gwyn of Ford Abbey in Devonshire died in the 86th year of his age. So his son Francis of All Souls told me last night.

Oct. 27, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22, 65) [*see* Diary, Nov. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5].

Cotterel Book, a folio MS. of Glamorganshire, is an excellent thing. Edward Prideaux Gwyn Esq. hath it.

Nov. 1 (Fri.). Jo. Pell, coll. Trin., admissus in matriculam Acad. Cant. July 8, 1624; Art. Bac. 1628. When he proceeded Master, I have not found. I have several things concerning him, but they are dispersed in letters. In 1655, he was at Geneva, to take care of the distribution of the monies collected in England, for the poor Waldenses, & in 1660, 1, I think he was employed with Mr. Sancroft, in reviewing and reforming the Calendar, upon the Review of the Liturgy that year &c. I find he had a Friendship, or had a Correspondence with Dr. More, Mr. Hartlib, 10 &c. But you have enough concerning him in Ath. Oxon. Vol. I, col. 871. So Mr. Baker of Oct. 27.

Nov. 2 (Sat.). Dr. Richard Newton hath just published in folio in six sheets, A Letter to the Rev. Dr. Holmes, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford and Visitor of Hart Hall. By R. Newton D.D.; London, 1734. The Title tells not what 'tis about; but 'tis about his project for getting a charter for Hart Hall to be a College, what he hath made a noise about many years, but hath not gained his point, Exeter College opposing him, for which he falls upon Dr. Conybeare, now Dean of Christ Church, but formerly fellow of Exeter College. Dr. Newton is commonly said to 20 be *founder-mad*.

His settlement only 60 lib. per annum. The incorporated Society to consist only of five persons, a Principal and four Fellows, who are always to have the care of 32 undergraduate Students & four servitours, & of no greater a number. Sixty pounds per an. to be equally divided between the 4 fellows, with the benefit equally of the Pupils and Offices, & with convenient Apartments. The Rent of the rest of the Chambers of the Hall (with the additional Revenue of a Public Lecture) to be the endowment of the Principal.

It seems Exeter College have two little Messuages, said to have been 30 left them by their Founder, within the Precincts of Hart Hall, of 1 lib. 13s. 4d. per an. or, as Newton says, of one lib. only really a year, the other 13s. & 4d. a year, which the successive Principals of Hart Hall anciently paid, as Under Tenants, to Exeter College for Black Hall and Cat Hall (two other messuages appertaining to Hart Hall) for so long a time as The College held the same by Lease from the University, being now, from and after the Expiration of the said lease in the year 1663, due and payable to the succeeding Lessees of the University.

'Tis Pity charities & benefactions should be discountenanced & obstructed. But it sometimes so happens, when the persons that make 40 them are supposed to be *mente capti*, and aim at things in the settlement that are ridiculous, which seems to be the case at Hart Hall, as 'tis represented to me. However, after all, 'tis better not to publish the failings of persons, especially of clergymen, on such occasions, least mischief follow, the enemy being alway ready to take advantage.

Nov. 1, 1734. Charles Davis to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 263) [see Diary, Nov. 18].

Nov. 2, 1734. William Brome to H. (Rawl. 14, 43) [see Diary, Nov. 12].

Nov. 3 (Sun.). I told Mr. Baker lately of my being advised to reprint Capgrave's *Legenda &c.*, upon which in his letter of the 27th of last month, he tells me, that they have not any Copy thereof, nor can he give any advice, only doubts that book would be liable to such objections, as I hinted to him, *I think* (he adds) *I sent you a specimen of his Chronicle, a meagre thing, except some few remarkables.* NB. I do not remember that he ever sent me any such specimen.

Mr. Baker hath met with The New Legend of Saints or rather Kalendar of that Legend or Epitome of Capgrave's *Catalogus Sanctorum Angliae &c.*, printed by Ric. Pynson, 1516, 4^{to}.

NB. I think I have many years ago seen that Epitome of Capgrave in the Study of Charles Eyston, of Great Hendred in Berks. Esq., who had many curiosities of that kind, and yet I do not remember that he had Capgrave at large.

Nov. 4 (Mon.). I have heard some time ago, that Mr. Heyman, of Merton College, had several papers of Mr. Ant. a Wood's. Dr. Bret was Mr. Heyman's executor, & perhaps can tell something about them. If Mr. Baker should have an opportunity of conversing with the Dr. he might ask him.

20 **Mr. Baker hath Math. Westminster of the Francfort Edition, 1601.** It is printed from the London edition of 1570. Bishop Nicolson (says Mr. Baker) blunders in his account of the editions. Which observation of Mr. Baker's is very just. For the Bishop tells us that there was an Edition of Westminster's History before that of Francfort, but abominably corrupt and imperfect. And yet 'tis worth noting that the Francf. edition was printed from the London edition of 1570 verbatim, so that the curtailed edition mentioned by Nicolson must be the first London edition, which was in 1567, of which edition however Nicolson takes no notice.

30 **Nov. 5 (Tu.).** Dr. Corbet, whom I have mentioned formerly as a man skilled in husbandry, was of Trinity Hall in Cambridge, but having married a fortune, is now possessed of a good estate & noble house in Kent, but his dealing in hopps has involved him. *So Mr. Baker.*

Mr. Baker is sorry for what he hath met with (meaning Dr. Newton's book) concerning Hart Hall and Exeter College. *I wish you* (says he) *a good end; the Case seems strange, 'till it has an Answer. Had it not been as well, if not in print?*

On Tuesday morning last (Oct. 29) died at his house in Queen Square, Westminster, Dr. John Waugh, Bishop of Carlisle and Rector of 40 St. Peter's, Cornhill. The Prints add, *There are now vacant the Bishopricks of Gloucester, Bangor and Carlisle.*

Nov. 6 (Wed.). A Letter from Moses Pitt to the Author of a book, intituled, *Some Discourses upon Dr. Burnet and Dr. Tillotson, occasioned by the late Funeral Sermon of the former upon the latter.* London, 1695, 4^o. Moses Pitt seems then to have been crazed. His book is to thwart a passage relating to himself, in pag. 18 of those Discourses, concerning

Dr. Burnet's Vindication of the Authority &c. of the Laws of Scotland, which the Author of the Discourses had said was dedicated originally to the Duke of Lauderdale, but that Burnett afterwards, when he was discarded by the Duke, got the book to be sold without the dedication.

On p. 20 Moses Pitt mentions Mr. Dodwell thus:—

[Extract omitted.]

Nov. 7 (Thur.). Ibid. p. 76 he takes notice of Dr. Burnet's writing with all the ill nature imaginable against the late Archbishop [Sancroft] of venerable memory, and the most worthy Bishop of Ely [Turner] whereof the former made him Doctor, when he could not make himself ¹⁰ one, and the other, as is still remembered in Cambridge, most generously entertained him in his Lodgings at St. John's College, while he resided in that University to inspect records especially at C.C.C., although at that time he was in disgrace at Court, and almost every where else.

In the Appendix (No. viii) is an account of many books suppressed and seized, that were judged treasonable, as written for K. James II and his Friends, one of which was *The Vindication of the deprived Bishops*.

Mr. Ant. Wood had the 1st part which is printed of Andrew Borde's *Introduction to Knowledge*. I saw it at the Mus. Ashm. on Nov. 5 last in the afternoon, but Mr. Wood hath wrote no note in it. 25

At the same time I saw Mr. Wood's copy of *The History of Tom Thumb*, in which likewise is no written note of Mr. Wood's, as I expected; particularly I expected he should have discovered the Author.

Nov. 8 (Fri.). I am fully satisfied, that the Copy of the Book of the new Consecrations was never returned back from Cambridge, as I had been told it was. Neither was any letter sent to signify any such return. On the contrary, a letter of thanks for the Copy was sent by Dr. Middleton, principal Library Keeper of the University of Cambridge.

As to what I was told about Mr. Creyk's wisdom, I am satisfied Mr. Creyk would not thank any one for such a complement, nor for the ³⁰ *nolo episcopari* said of him by some of low principles, among whom there is usually a sort of policy to endeavour to weaken others by comparison.

Nov. 9 (Sat.). The MSS. in Dr. Rawlinson's last Auction of his brother Thomas's books, went extraordinary cheap, and those that bought had great pennyworths. The Dr. purchased many himself, at which here and there one were disgusted, tho' all the company supported the Dr. in it, that as a Creditor he had a right equal to any other. My friend Mr. Brome, that honest Gentleman of Ewington in Herefordshire, in a letter to the Dr. says, that he cannot but wonder at the low rates of most of the MSS., and adds had I been in place I should have been tempted ⁴⁰ to have laid out a pretty deal of money, without thinking my self at all touched with Bibliomania.

I have heard it said, that the Superiors of the Nonjurors countenance the Nonjurors going to the Sermons at the publick Churches, but not to the Prayers. Enquire. [NB. Dr. R. tells me they do not so, that he knows of.]

Yesterday the Bodleian Speech was spoke by Dr. Peirce Manaton a Physician, Student of Christ Church.

Nov. 10 (Sun.). Dr. Rawlinson's Estate in Warwickshire little more than an 100 lbs. a year clear of Taxes, repairs &c., which, however, will now, it seems, bring as I gather from a Letter of the Doctor's 3300 lbs.

Dr. Rawlinson by the Sale of his brother's books hath not raised near the money expected. For, it seems, they have ill answered, however good books, the MSS. worse, and what the Prints will do is as yet undetermined.

Dr. Rawlinson sent several books to the University, but in what manner they are disposed of, I know no farther, than that they are placed somewhere. He gave the option to St. John's.

Dr. Rawlinson in pursuing the work about the Nonjuring Sufferers (more particularly the Clergy) hath more helps from Cambridge, than our parts. A Mr. Baker is to be met with but in few places. The Dr. without vanity may say that he don't give trouble without endeavouring a recompence, and this is what Mr. Baker owns; nor has (as the Dr. assures me) Mr. Crynes any reason to complain. I mention Mr. Crynes, because the Dr. applyed to him as to a person that is always traversing the streets, and hath opportunities for consulting Registers, as well as persons, and yet is upon the grumble, when Requests are made this way.

20 The Dr. desired Mr. Crynes to send him (what he might easily do, and what indeed he ought to do) the Cambrigian Incorporations (which should have been taken into the Oxford Catalogue of Graduates) but he seemed to decline a trouble he had taken some former years.

Nov. 11 (Mon.). When Dr. Rawlinson wrote last to me (which was on Aug. 31 last) he told me, there was then no successor appointed to Mr. Gandy, who died some time before. At the same time he told me, the old Dutchess of Albemarle dyed a few days before, by which fell 700 lbs. per annum to Christopher Rawlinson's relations, which the Dr. doubts not belong to himself, Christopher Rawlinson's will confirming

30 such an opinion.

Mr. William Oldisworth (who was formerly of Hart Hall, Oxford, being contemporary there with Mr. John Leak) dyed above four months since.

On Sat. Oct. 26 last, Dr. Walter Hodges, Provost of Oriel College, fell ill of the small Pox, but being of the favourable kind he is recovered.

Nov. 12 (Tu.). My friend Mr. William Brome of Ewithington, near Hereford, as he writes me the 2nd of this inst., hath been most part of this summer in a languishing condition; so that he feared he could not have flattered himself with hopes of seeing my *Benedictus Abbas*, which is now

Nov. 11, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 361) [see Diary, Nov. 15].

Nov. 12, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 89). 'You have given a clear and distinct account of the *Pontificalia* in your last of Aug. 31, for which I thank you, as I do for what you observe about the Cambridge Affair. You observe very right, that caution is to be used in dangerous times, and honest men are to have a care, how they sacrifice themselves, when there are so very few in comparison of the wicked, that stick at nothing. And this is an observation well applyed in that excellent Book called *Discourses upon Dr. Burnet and Dr. Tillotson*. I hope you have got the Medals by this time,

very forwards in the Press, published. But it has pleased God to restore him to a degree of health, beyond what he ever expected, tho' far from being an established one. 'I always have had' (so he concludes his Letter) 'a great esteem for your Friendship, worth &c., and have thought myself happy in such a creditable beneficial acquaintance; and such thoughts of you I shall entertain whilst I am, sir, your most obliged & most humble servant, Will. Brome.'

On Sunday last, Nov. 10, Dr. Edw. Butler, President of Magd. Coll. received the Sacrament in St. Peter's in the East church, to qualify himself to be Register to Benj. Hoadly, Bishop of Winchester, which place ¹⁰ he held also in the late Bishop's time. His witnesses Mr. John Leake and the two churchwardens, as I hear, and no one of the College.

Nov. 13 (Wed.). Henry Partridge Esq., formerly Gentleman Commoner of Edmund Hall, died about a year or two since, at his seat in Norfolk, leaving a son behind him, who was of Cambridge, and is now of one of the Innes of Court. The said Mr. Partridge of Edmund Hall, was a very fine Gentleman, & he & his first wife were looked upon to be the handsomest couple in London.

MS. Baroc. 45; many Greek pieces of Grammar and Rhetoric, a great deal of which ought to be printed, there being divers things in the Volume ²⁰ about Hermogenes, which therefore ought to have been considered by the late Editor of Hermogenes; for I think there was an Edition of him put out lately beyond sea, at least Mr. Upton (who hath many years talked of putting out Hermogenes) ought to consult this Collection, if he hath not done it, or got it done for him already. This Mr. Upton was of Cambridge, & Usher of Eaton, & much esteemed by Sir Philip Sydenham.

Nov. 14 (Thur.). Mr. West, in his letter from the Inner Temple of the 6th inst. tells me, his letters of Sir Thomas Bodley relate intirely to transactions in Germany & the Netherlands.

In p. 298 of Camden's Eliz. I have printed, *An account of the Agree-* ³⁰

they being, it seems, on the road when you wrote last. I have read Mr. Goole's book, and was glad to find Dr. Hudson's Will in it, tho' at the same time I wondered at their omitting that part of it, relating to his giving the books they wanted to Univ. Coll. Library. . . . I am sensible you do not forget your brother's debt. I foresaw his affairs would draw much trouble upon you, and you now find it. I am glad the Estate in the sale will be of so good advantage, as you seem to apprehend it will; otherwise you have but poor encouragement to go on in selling. If the books you gave Oxford are at St. John's, they are in a very good place. You ought to be assisted in your worthy design by persons that are able, such a one as Mr. Crynes, who hath opportunities every day of consulting Registers, and, which is a great matter, he hath likewise leisure. . . . Pray, where was Mr. Gandy buried? I enquire for the place of his burial, because one told me, 'twas not at St. Pancrass's (as I thought it had) but somewhere else, tho' the only reason he gave was, that only Papists were buried there, a reason which is certainly as weak as 'tis false. I have heard it said, that the Superiors of the Nonjurors countenance the Nonjurors going to the Sermons at the publick Churches, but not to the prayers. Be pleased to let me know the truth of this.'

Nov. 12, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 66) [see Diary, Nov. 15, 20].

ment between Q. Elizabeth and the United Provinces, wherein she supported them, and they stood not to their Agreement, written by Sir Tho. Bodley.

Mr. West tells me Otho D. ix containing Capgrave, is burnt. He wants to know, whether there was much more in it, than in the printed Copy. This I do not know, but had the MS. been preserved, I would have got Mr. West or some other skillfull person, to have examined. I suppose Mr. West hath a printed Copy.

Last Monday Mr. Richardson the Apothecary's books began to be sold. There are some choice books among them. But he was obliged to part
10 with some Capital Articles a little before his Death.

Nov. 15 (Fri.). Mr. West tells me again in a letter of the 11th inst. that the Capgrave in the Cotton Library is intirely burnt. He says, he has sent for his letters of Sir T. Bodley from the Country to have them copied for me.

Catalogue MSS. p. 362, Tom. II, among Dr. More Bp. of Ely's MSS. num. 9226. 40 *John Capgrave's Chronicle*. 'I am very sure, I sent you a Specimen of Capgrave's Chronicle, but if it be mislaid or lost, the loss is not great, for it is a megre work, and yet the Specimen I sent you (from the Bp. of Ely's MSS.) was longe, in a full sheet.' Mr. Baker to me from
20 Camb. Nov. 12.

I had quite forgot it; what he sent cannot be lost, but I suppose I laid it by in some certain secure place, & neglected it, as not so worthy publick notice, being thin & little material.

I never designed to publish Capgrave's *Legenda Aurea*, tho' I was urged & prompted to it by Dr. Steward &c., to whom I gave reasons to the contrary. Dr. Steward (who was the chief for it) being dead, I see no likelihood, that 'twill be moved to me by any hereafter.

And yet tho' Capgrave might be much objected to, if reprinted by me, and that particularly by persons of more moderate principles, as they are
30 stiled, or by such as are commonly called *low*, nevertheless some years ago, viz. at the time I was printing Leland's Itinerary, John Tynmouth's *Legenda Aurea* (of which Capgrave for the most part is only an Epitome) was proposed to be printed (having never been yet published) at large, & the proposal was made by the low party, and the man fixed upon to print it was Mr. Obadiah Oddy, as Mr. Oddy himself assured me, when we were walking together one summer evening to Isley by Oxford, where we had much discourse about the matter, but he quite declined it, his Inclinations lying quite another way. One Part of Tynmouth is in Bodley, another was burnt lately in the Cotton Library.

40 **Nov. 16 (Sat.).** The Rights of Churches and Colleges defended; in answer to a Pamphlet called *An Enquiry into the Customary Estates and Tenant Rights of those who hold lands of Church and other Foundations, by the Term of three Lives and Twenty one years &c. by Everard Fleetwood Esq.*, with Remarks upon some other pieces upon the same Subject. By Dicaiphilus Cantabrigiensis. Lond. 1731. 8^{vo} in three sheets and an half.

Enquire of Mr. Baker, who this Dicaiphilus Cantabrigiensis is. There is much Jargon in this sort of books. Tho' I like such as plead for

College Rights, yet at the same time I always thought great caution ought to be used with respect to the raising of Fines.

Chronica Jo. Capgrave in Bennett Coll. Lib., *de Henricis multis clarissimis, imperatoribus, regibus, comitibus, doctoribus, ad Henricum VI Anglie*, seems to be a different thing from that above mentioned of Bp. More. But whether different or not, I have (I am sure) no notion what sort of work either is, having altogether forgot what Mr. Baker speaks of, with respect to the Bishop's MS., unless perhaps it be of the same nature with the old Chronicle called *Brute of England*, which is a famous thing, & hath been much quoted as a valuable piece. Mr. Baker gave me a copy 10 of *Brute of England* in March 1726. But being imperfect at the beginning Mr. Baker supplied with his own hand that defect from a MS. of the same kind in their Publick Library. Upon examination, I found some defects towards the end, which I supplied from the Ashmolean Museum, so that now 'tis a compleat book.

I must remember at some time or other to ask Bp. Tanner about Capgrave's Chronicle.

Nov. 17 (Sun.). Dr. Green now Bp. of Ely's life of Mr. Henry Wharton; Lond. 1728, 8^{vo}. 'Besides those which he [Mr. Wharton] published in his life time, he has left several pieces behind him, both 20 manuscript and others, about which he has bestowed great Pains. Among the former are several English Historians never as yet published, which he hath with exact care and faithfulness transcribed and collated with the Originals, fitting them for the Press, and which possibly some time or other may be made publick, viz. Benedictus Abbas, Chronicon Nicolai Trivetti, Chronicon Petri Ickham, Stephani Birchington Historia de regibus Anglie, Liber Nonus de miraculis Anglorum.'

Nov. 18 (Mon.). Wrote today to Edward Burton Esq. at the Lottery Office in Whitehall, to know whether Mr. Wharton's *Benedictus Abbas*, said to be prepared for the Press, be in Lambeth Library, or what is 30 become of it. Also to tell him that Mr. Davis now tells me that he is intirely a stranger to him [Mr. Burton] and that his [Mr. Davis's] intimate friend is Mr. Woodward.

Mr. Davis's letter in which he tells me this is as follows:—'To Mr. Tho. Hearne at Edmund Hall. These Post paid. Nov. 1, 1734. Sir, Yesterday I received yours. As to Mr. Burton I am entirely a stranger to him, but my intimate friend is Mr. Woodward a bookseller, who is concerned in the undertaking. It was he that told me Mr. Burton should say that you had got some corrections & additions to Bp. Nicholson. When I received your first letter I shewed it to Mr. Woodward, 40 upon which he gave me liberty to make use of Mr. Burton's name. When I wrote I should have been more particular. Please to rectify this mistake and you'll much oblige, Sir, your most humble servant to command, Cha. Davis.'

Nov. 19 (Tu.). The Author of the account of Mr. Wharton's life before Mr. Wharton's sermons, takes no notice of Mr. Wharton's *Specimen*

Nov. 18, 1734. George Parker to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 109) [see Diary, Nov. 23].

of *Errors in Burnell's History of the Reformation*, nor of his book in *Defence of Pluralities*.

Nov. 20 (Wed.). Amongst the MSS. and printed books of the Bp. of Ely at Cambridge, they have almost a compleat collection of Caxton's books, & particularly (those I mentioned lately in a letter to Mr. Baker) the *Legenda Aurea* & the *Game of Chess*.

They have there in their publick Library, a very good MS. copy of *Gildas*, the same, Mr. Baker presumes, that Dr. Gale printed from, but the weather is now so cold, that Mr. Baker hath no opportunity of consulting it, or the marginal Notes.

Mr. Baker hath no correspondence with Dr. Brett; a friend of his hath, but seldome writes to him. When Mr. Baker sees that friend, and he writes to the Doctor, he will put him in mind of my Enquiry, that I made to Mr. Baker about some MSS. papers of Ant. Wood's said to be in the Doctor's hands, & had belonged to Mr. Heyman, who procured them after Mr. Wood's death.

Mr. Baker some time since told me of a discovery made by Mr. Palmer, of a Book printed by Guttenburgh. Mr. Baker hath since received the half sheet, showing it to be a mistake, or rather a cheat. They have long made a trade of counterfeiting medals, and now are beginning with prints, at least with the Colophons.

Nov. 21 (Thur.). Mr. John Wynne (now a Doctor of Div. and Bp. of Bath and Wells) was a great Tutor in Jesus College, when he abridged Locke's *Essay of Human Understanding*, and being a great Lockist, he read the same to his Pupils, and got many other Tutors in the University to read it to their Pupils likewise, and I remember one of those Tutors was Mr. Milles, vice-principal of Edmund Hall, who is now Bp. of Waterford, at which time I was of Edmund Hall; but tho' I got the Book I never went to lecture so much as once in it to Mr. Milles, but always declined it. For indeed I neither then nor ever since have had any good opinion of Locke, who tho' a man of parts, was, however, a man of very bad principles. Mr. Locke indeed hath been cryed up and magnified by a set of men of republican Principles, but orthodox and truly honest men have detected his errors, and fallacies, and endeavoured, what they could, to obstruct his infection, and yet notwithstanding that, I understand his *Essay* aforesaid is much read and studied at Cambridge and Dublin, & that young men that are candidates for Degrees at Dublin are examined in it.

Nov. 22 (Fri.). The said Mr. Wynne's Abridgement, as soon as it came out, was sent over to Dublin by Mr. Locke to Mr. William Molyneux, who was Mr. Locke's great admirer and correspondent. Mr. Locke himself was mighty glad of the Abridgment, which is dedicated to him, & of which there are two editions, but Mr. Molyneux looked upon it as a dry, sapless thing, tho' done in Mr. Locke's own words for the most part, & he wished it had been undone.

Nov. 21, 1734 E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 195) [*see* Diary, Nov. 25, 26].

The late Earl of Pembroke was an admirer of Locke, and a great friend of Wynne's, and he did what service he could for both.

Bishop Stillingfleet wrote against Locke's *Essay of Humane Understanding*. But Locke defended himself, & it hath been allowed by all, that Locke had by much the advantage of the Bishop.

Mr. Molyneux aforesaid was an ingenious man, and a good mathematician, but a downright Republican. Locke as well as himself loved complements. They therefore complemented one another in a very fulsome extravagant manner.

Mr. Molyneux was a pretender to Poetry, & sometimes exercised himself that way. He was a great admirer of Sir Richard Blackmore's *Prince Arthur & King Arthur*, and they used to complement Blackmore highly for his skill in poetry, as Sir Richard used likewise to complement them very much. But this is no wonder, since Sir Richard was a Republican, and a man that was for making his way, as well as he could, in the Government. 'Tis true, Sir Richard was a Poet, but he is not placed by the best judges at the top head, notwithstanding Molyneux says in his letters in Lock's works, p. 568, that *all our English Poets (except Milton) have been Ballad-makers in comparison to him* [Sir Richard].

Nov. 23 (Sat.). Mr. John Toland was an Irishman born. He was a very ingenious man, but of most vile principles, which he took all opportunities of instilling into young Gentlemen & others. He did some mischief in Oxford, but more elsewhere. After he had been beyond sea in Holland, & had continued some time in England, he returned to Ireland, but was for his wicked books and principles quite drove from thence, so as no one would entertain him; and then he came into England again, where he continued his old cause of poisoning young men &c. After some years, he died. He was a man of Learning, but for the most part superficial.

On the 18th inst. Mr. George Parker, author of the *Ephemerides* wrote to me from the Star in Salisbury Court, London, to search the will office here of the Bishop of Oxford's diocese for a will, in the behalf of a poor man of his (Mr. Parker's) acquaintance. About 5 months since the said poor man's wife's father died in the Hon^{ble} the Earl of Macclesfield's family at Sherborn. Search has been made in the prerogative Court at London for a will of the deceased, but none can be found. And it being suggested that it might possibly be entered in the Bishop's Court at Oxford, occasioned Mr. Parker to write to me. The name of the deceased was William Abraham. Quaere what he has left to Mary Yeomans the only daughter, and to the Issue of her body by John Yeomans, viz. John and James Yeomans with the Executors names.

NB. I went on Thursday the 21st to the Office, but could meet with no one to satisfy me. Yesterday I went again, & had the office searched, but there did not appear the least notice of any such will. The Search cost me a shilling.

Nov. 24 (Sun.). The Prints tell us that Letters from Holderness in Yorkshire, mention the following remarkable Inscription on a Tomb stone

Nov. 23, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 17. 75). A transcript of letters of Sir Thomas Bodley [see Diary, Nov. 25].

newly erected in the churchyard of Heydon, viz :—Here lieth the Body of William Stratton, of Padington, buried the 18th of May 1734, aged 97, who had by his first wife 28 children, and by a second wife 17 ; own father to 45, grandfather to 86, great grandfather to 97, and great great grandfather to 23 ; in all 251.

Nov. 25 (Mon.). Last night I received from Mr. West by Post the copies he hath given me of his two original letters of Sir Thomas Bodley. The postage cost me fifteen pence. As I remember, I have read them printed some where. They relate to Affairs in Netherlands in 1589.

- 10 Mr. Burton writes me from the Lottery Office of Nov. 21 inst. that no such book as *Benedictus Abbas*, prepared for the Press, appears in Lambeth Library. He speaks thus on view of the Catalogue of Mr. Wharton's MSS., which are repositied in that Library, & written with his own hand. Mr. Burton adds :—' One would be apt to imagine by that Catalogue that Mr. Wharton never had seen the aforesaid author, for among that vast number of writers, which he extracted from, there is not the least extract from *Benedictus*. Whence the Writer of his life had his information I cannot say certainly ; it might have been perhaps out of a Latin Commentary of his life which Mr. Wharton wrote himself, but
20 where now to be found I know not.'

The said Latin Commentary by Mr. Wharton, was long since burnt with other things. I have mentioned it formerly. Mr. Wharton mentions *Benedictus Abbas* in his *Anglia Sacra* Vol. I, p. 169.

Nov. 26 (Tu.). Mr. Locke's Essay of Human Understanding was translated into, and printed in, French. One Burrige, an Irishman, much cried up for his abilities for it, translated it into, & it was printed in, Latin. The French Translation was preferred to the Latin by Limborch, who corresponded with Lock, and Lock himself seems to have preferred the French. Lock said he did not see the Latin, till after it was printed.

- 30 About 1692 they designed in Holland a fine edition of Castellio's Bible, with notes of Castellio & others, but I cannot tell, whether it came out or not.

Mr. Burton in his letter of the 21st hath this passage ' I wish it were possible to recover a book written by Richard Fitz Nigel, who was Treasurer to Henry II & made Bishop of London in the beginning of Ric. I, entitled *Tricolumnus* (Dialog. de Scaccario, lib. I. cap. 5). A book written by such an author & concerning so great a King as Henry II would be an invaluable present to all lovers of History & Politicks. But alas ! I am afraid it is lost past redemption. Neither Bale, Leland, nor

Nov. 25, 1734. H. to West (Rawl. 17. 74). ' I thank you for your copies of two original letters of Sir Thomas Bodley. The Pacquet was brought me last night. But I wish you had sent it by the carrier, the most proper way of sending such packets ; for coming by Post it cost me fifteen pence, much the greatest part of which had been saved, if sent by a carrier, and 'twould have been full as safe. But perhaps 'twas less trouble to you to send it by the post than by a carrier, and I ought always to have such a regard for you as to give you as little trouble as I can.'

Nov. 25, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 67) [see Diary, Nov. 30]. ' The weather is so extremely cold that I can hardly hold a pen.'

Mr. Wharton seem to have ever seen or heard of this Author. Nor indeed do I remember any Writer that mentions him.'

Nov. 27 (Wed.). Dr. Derham was 74 years old yesterday. He was born Nov. 26, 1657. He was many years ago vicar of Wargrave near Reading in Berks. When I was a boy, I heard him preach for Mr. Griffyth several times at White Waltham. He was first taken notice of (as I have heard) by Seth Ward, Bishop of Sarum. From being Vicar of Wargrave, he became Rector of Upminster in Essex, which he enjoys now, & he is also Prebendary of Windsor.

Yesterday morning was a fire at Heddington near Oxford, which burnt 10 one dwelling house down by Mr. Finche's, with the adjacent out houses, but the wind, tho' high, turning the contrary way, it did no farther damage; otherwise it might have done abundance of more mischief.

Nov. 28 (Thur.). One Dawson, who was discommuned by Convocation for keeping the Crowne Tavern in Oxon without the Vice-Chancellor's licence, appealed thereupon above, and the Vice-Chancellour was forced to go to London thereupon, but Dawson hath been baffled in Westminster Hall. The Vice-Chancellour Dr. Holmes returned from London on Tuesd. Nov. 26 last, & stopped, as soon as he came to Oxford, at Dr. Butler's, the President of Magd. Coll., where he spent the evening 20 with the said Dr. Butler, & with Dr. Leigh, master of Balliol College, Dr. Coxhead, Warden of New College, Dr. Isham, Rector of Lincoln College, Dr. Niblett, Warden of All Souls College, & Dr. Shippen, Principal of Brasenose College.

Dr. Hickes, in p. 5 of his Additions to Runolphus Jonas's Icelandic Grammar, tells us Dr. Nicholson was about publishing a book called *Northymbria vetus*. Dr. Hickes hath there published a Runic Inscription he had from Nicholson, but he hath not explained it, but left that to Nicholson, who, he said, would do it in the said *Northymbria vetus*. But Nicholson himself says nothing of the said *Northymbria vetus* in his 30 *English Historical Library*.

Nov. 29 (Fri.). Yesterday died at Great Hasely in Oxfordshire the Rev. Mr. Rob. Chernock, Fellow of All Souls College and Curate of the said Great Hasely. He took the Degree of M.A. as a member of All Souls College on Jan. 27, 1717. His uncle Mr. Rob. Chernock was Fellow of Magd. Coll. Oxon and was hanged for being concerned in the assassination plot against William Prince of Orange, commonly called K. William III. I used to say, that had this Mr. Chernock of All Souls been returned with Dr. Bartue for Warden of that College, & not Niblett, Bartue would most certainly have been the Warden, because the Archbishop 40 of Canterbury (Wake) cannot endure the memory of Chernock the uncle, and would never therefore have put in the nephew. When I mentioned this to several, they fully agreed with me.

Nov. 30 (Sat.). The Specimen Mr. Baker sent me from Capgrave's Chronicle, was taken from the late Bp. of Ely's MS., the same that

Nov. 30, 1734. Rev. John Jones to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 22) [see Diary, Dec. 15, 16].

is mentioned in our Oxford Catalogue, but whether the same with that at Bennet College, Mr. Baker cannot say, as he tells me in a letter of Nov. 25, which I have just received from him, but he says 'tis very different from *Brute of England*, as I shall find by the Specimen, if it happens any time to turn up.

Mr. Baker says, the Enquiry I made for Dr. Brett, he hath put into the hands of a Friend, who corresponds with him, who promised to convey it to him, & that I shall have his answer, whenever it is received.

Dec. 1 (Sun.). The last Sermon of the 1st vol. of Dr. Robert Moss
 10 late Dean of Ely's sermons is, of the necessity and usefulness of good Education, upon Prov. iv. 13, preached at Bishop-Stortford, Hertfordshire, Aug. 1705, at the annual meeting of the Gentlemen educated at that School. At the end (p. 439) is a short encomium of the then Schoolmaster of Bishop Stortford, Dr. Tooke, in these words:—[Extract omitted]. Remember to ask Mr. Baker, about the abovesaid Dr. Tooke, whether he were a Cambridge man, and of what College.

Bishop Nicholson, saying nothing in his English Historical Library of his *Northumbria Velus*, that he intended (as Dr. Hickes hath acquainted us), I am apt to think, it never came out. That he had such a book in
 20 hand, I have gathered likewise from some letters, written by Nicholson himself.

Dec. 2 (Mon.). On the 5th of November last some Oxford ringers were resolved to shew their zeal for the Government, by ringing Cator Changes, as well as possibly they could, upon Christ Church ten bells. They were some of the best ringers, and because they think they merited much by their performance, I shall here specify the names of every one of them, at the same time noting, that those three excellent ringers, Mr. John George the taylor, Mr. Thomas Yate the second cook of Magd. Coll., and Mr. John Broughton the Barber, acted much more for their honour
 30 and credit, who declined ringing among them that day, by which these three avoided the censure of being poor mercenary ringers (for the others rang for money), & of giving credit to a downright false notion, that the Prince of Orange landed upon the 5th, whereas it was upon the 4th of November, to say nothing of the Powder Plot, which many very wise men give out was a meer sham. I happened that day, between 3 and 4 in the afternoon, to go through the White Walk, while the bells were ringing, and I heard several in the walk say, 'twas excellent good ringing. Coming to the Cloysters, I stood still to listen (which I should not have done on such a day as that, were it not to see, whether the character of its being
 40 exceeding good ringing were just or not) and in 15 minutes I discovered 18 considerable faults, the last six so very considerable, that I found they would soon be confounded, as indeed they were, and so gave over, being not able to make clean work; and yet notwithstanding this, they boast that 'twas extraordinary good ringing, and that they rang two thousand. I cannot say any thing to the number of changes, nor to the goodness of the ringing before the last quarter of an hour, & how bad that was I have fairly signified, and yet 'twas good enough for the day. I should likewise here remark, that the reward of these mercenary ringers was only 1s. 6d. a man, and that one of the ringers was a learner or beginner (as it were)

only, viz. Mr. Crozier, a corkcutter, & yet so skillfull, that he may deservedly be reckoned among the best Oxford ringers. The names (what I proposed to give) of all those ten ringers were in order, just as they rang, as follow:—1. Mr. Richard Hearne, a taylor. 2. Mr. John Vickers, second butler of New College. 3. Mr. William Crozier, a corkcutter. 4. Mr. Guy Terry, a pot-ash maker. 5. Mr. Brickland, a schoolmaster. 6. Mr. Thomas Nash, a cabinet maker. 7. Mr. Arthur Lloyd, carpenter and bell-hanger. 8. Mr. William Barnes, second cook of Christ Church. 9. Mr. Richard Smith, a glover. 10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell, sexton of Christ Church.

And now I have mentioned this 5th of November ringing, I will beg leave to take notice of the names of those, who rang at New College on Friday Sept. 27 last, being the Founder of New College's Obit, a thing I should not have done, had not the ringers been so proud of this 5th of November ringing at Christ Church, and been so much ashamed of that at New College; and yet I think there is much more reason to be ashamed of that at Christ Church, than of this at New College. That they are ashamed of what was done at New College, appears from all accounts, insomuch that they have endeavoured, as much as ever they could, to conceal the names of those that chiefly erred or blundered in the ringing, which notwithstanding I have been able to find out. The names of the ringers are in order thus:—1. Mr. John Vickers. 2. Mr. Tho. Nash. 3. Mr. John George. 4. Mr. Guy Terry. 5. Mr. Thomas Yate. 6. Mr. John Broughton. 7. Mr. Rich. Smith. 8. Mr. Will. Barnes. 9. Mr. Arthur Lloyd. 10. Mr. Nicholas Benwell.

The day before the ringing, Mr. Vickers told me, that Mr. Richard Hearne was to ring the 1st, and himself the 5th, and Mr. Yate the 6th; but Hearne excusing himself from being one of them, Vickers thereupon rang the 1st, Mr. Yate the 5th and Mr. Broughton (who was not otherwise to have been one) the 6th.

As to Mr. Vickers, he is very ingenious in the Art of ringing, & is excellent in calling the Bobs & managing the musick of ringing: I think he is one of the very best in England, and he is withall a very good ringer himself; and yet at this time he missed calling two of the Bobs, one of which was before they had gone two hundred changes, as at the same time did likewise Mr. Arthur Lloyd & Mr. William Barnes (otherwise two famous ringers) committ most notorious blunders, and these were the three chief blunderers in this undertaking, and 'twas from their mistakes, that the peal was spoiled; and yet it must be owned, that it happened purely from their being much in liquor, whereas they ought to have been sober, as indeed there can never be any true ringing, but by persons that come to it perfectly sober.

Dec. 3 (Tu.). 'Twas a person that ought to know, who told me what is said above p. 101, that the Superiors of the Nonjurors countenance the Nonjurors going to the Sermons of the Publick churches, but not to the Prayers. As I much doubt of this (for I am sure the Superiors of the Nonjurors never approved of it), so I much more doubt of the truth of what hath been also said, that the Superiors allow the Nonjurors to go to the publick churches for Prayers, Sermons & Sacraments, where they

have not an opportunity of going to a Nonjuring congregation, & even if they have an opportunity, yet if there be a greater convenience of going to a publick church, than such a congregation, the former is to be laid hold of. I cannot imagin there can be any truth in this, yet I must inquire.

Dec. 4 (Wed.). Mr. Tyrrell does give your account of the Quadri-logus. I have noted his words, *The Quadripartit History, as being a collection out of four several writers of it, which (though it was printed in Germany) I never saw, & is more rare than the MSS., for they are in*
 10 *several Libraries.* We may believe him, that he never saw it, otherwise he would not have said it was printed in Germany; & yet the book is not so very rare, and I have seen more copies than one, tho' I have not yet met with it among Bishop Moor's books. It was sold at an auction of Mr. Smith's books for 1 lib. 5s. 6d., where books that were really more rare, were sold for next to nothing. Such is the Fate of books. I had the Catalogue of Mr. Smith's books, prices markt, bound up with others, which I gave to Lord Oxford many years ago. It had been Millesent's Catalogue, the famous Auctioneer, who died at Cambridge, where I found it, at the House where he died. It would have grieved you to have seen,
 20 at what prices some rare books went, now hard to meet with. *Mr. Baker in a letter of Oct. 13.*

On Monday last Mr. Roger Holman was readmitted (by being sworn) the second time Common Council man of the City of Oxford, without any charge either of fee or Treat.

Dec. 5 (Thur.). Mr. Baker observes to me, what I know full well, that Bp. Nicolson abounds with mistakes. Mr. Baker hath marked several in his Copy; & Dr. Smith (who published Bede) had marked more, which he sent to the Author, his Friend; and yet they stand uncorrected in the 2nd edition, as Dr. Smith himself told Mr. Baker.
 30 However, Mr. Baker notes, that what the Bp. says, concerning Buck's life of Ric. III in the Cotton Library, may be true, since it is taken from my worthy friend Dr. Thomas Smith.

A Relation of a Journey of the Rt. Hon. my Lord Henry Howard, from London to Vienna, and thence to Constantinople &c., written by John Burbury gent.; London, 1671, 12^o. 'Tis a very trifling thing.

[Extracts from it.]

Dec. 6 (Fri.). Yesterday calling upon Bp. Tanner at Christ Church I asked him, who it was that wrote the account of Mr. Henry Wharton, prefixed to his Sermons. I told him, I and others understood it to
 40 be Dr. Green, that is now Bp. of Ely. He said, he believed it be done rather by Dr. John Battely. For my own part, I still believe it to be Green's.

I mentioned to him, that Wharton was said in that account to have transcribed, collated & prepared for the Press, Benedictus Abbas. But I said, I believed it to be a mistake. And the Bp. seemed inclined to think so too. He said, what he had formerly told me, that Mr. Henry Wharton wrote in Latin a diary of his own life, which Mr. Wharton's father after his son's death told him [Tanner] he should have, but instead of that it fell

with other curious MSS. papers into the hands of a brother of Mr. Henry Wharton's, an apothecary, who imbezzled & destroyed them, the said Diary it seems being burnt by him, he being an incurious crazed man.

I mentioned to him Capgrave's Chronicle, a MS. in the late Bp. of Ely, Dr. More's collection. He said, he had seen it, & that 'tis a very mean, meagre, thin account.

Dec. 7 (Sat.). Thomas Rawlins of Pophills in Warwickshire, hath a son in Law, one Gilsthorpe, of Pembroke College in Oxford.

On p. 118 of Peter Langtoft mention is made of *Earthhorns*. Mr. Rawlins guesses, that they were so called, & used by the Saxons in celebrating the festival of their great Goddess *Herthus*. And he observes, that the same Custom of blowing the Horn at a certain season, in the beginning of the year, is still practised at Oxford. He refers us for more about *Herthus* to Mr. Ashmole's Prolegomena to his *Theatrum Chronicum Britannicum*. But what Mr. Rawlins says is little or nothing to the purpose. There is not the least mention of *Earth-horns* in Ashmole, & the *Earthhorns* Langtoft speaks of must have been peculiar to this Country, where the Action happened. I have explained them *Country-horns* in my Glossary to Langtoft.

Dec. 8 (Sun.). On Tuesday last died in St. Peter parish in the East 20 Oxford, Mrs. Altham, widow of the late Dr. Roger Altham, Canon of Christ Church and Regius Professor of the Hebrew Tongue in the Univ. of Oxford. He was a very worthy man, & a good preacher, and well beloved, but his widow was looked upon as a meanspirited, covetous woman. She was buried by her husband at Christ Church on Friday night last Dec. 6 by the care of her daughter, who lived with her, who is likewise a widow, being the Relict of one Mr. Drake, who hath been dead many years. Mr. Drake proved but a bad husband to her. Her father Dr. Altham, I have heard, was against the Match. This Mrs. Drake, when young, was a very great beauty, and much admired by 30 the young Gentlemen of Oxford &c. She is still very handsome, & was always, contrary to her mother's temper, good natured.

Dec. 9 (Mon.). On Saturday night last I heard part of a letter read, written by an Oxford Scholar from Newcastle upon Tyne, in which he signified that many Ladys and other women there were afflicted with the French disease, occasioned not by their own lewdness, but by having their Breasts drawn. 'Tis a custom of that Town for women, after delivery, to put their children to nurse, & to have their breasts drawn or sucked by other woman. It seems a woman, that was infected with this distemper, sucked the women I have mentioned, & brought it upon every 40 one of them, which is a particular I never heard of before, & deserves to be considered in the *Philosophical Transactions*.

About a Fortnight since died at Maidstone in Kent, Dr. John Cockman, younger brother to Dr. Thomas Cockman, Master of University College Oxford. This Dr. John Cockman took the Degree of M.A. as a member

Dec. 7, 1734. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 127) [see Diary, Jan. 8, and Feb. 20, 1735].

of Univ. Coll. on June 16, 1705, & that of B. and D. of Physick on Nov. 4, 1715. His brother Thomas was very kind to him, when he wanted, but at length settling at Rochester, he got great Practise, & married a great fortune & grew rich, & his wife dying (by whom he had only one child, a daughter, a pretty young woman, as yet unmarried), he left off his Practise, & marrying a second wife (a sister of Sir Thomas Dykes) he settled at Maidstone, where he died, his constitution being broke, as he complained last summer at Oxford in his return from the Bath. His lungs, it seems, were touched, which was the immediate cause of his death. His second Lady was but a mean fortune to him, & but of a bad temper, as I have heard, tho' he was a very good-natured man.

Dec. 10 (Tu.). A Military Discourse, whether it be better for England to give an Invader present Battle, or to temporize and defer the same. With an Appendix shewing Nennius, a worthy Briton, the very Patern of a valiant, noble, and faithful Subject, encountering with Julius Caesar, at his first coming into this Island, was by him Death-wounded, yet nevertheless he gat Caesar's sword; put him to Flight, slew therewith Labienus a Tribune of the Romans, endured Fight till his Country won the Battle, died fifteen days after. Now published by Nath. Booth of Gray's Inn Esq., London, printed in the year 1734, 8^{vo}, in three sheets and an half. Mr. Booth dedicates it to his Grace the Duke of Argyle, & tells him, that he lately found this Dissertation in manuscript amongst some other valuable Papers of Sir Walter Raleigh, but does not tell us in whose hands they were. Not long ago Mr. Booth sent a printed Copy of it to me, desiring me to accept of it, and to give him my opinion thereof, but coming by Post, it was charged three shillings and six pence, for which reason I did not take it, it being but a sixpenny Pamphlett.

Dec. 11 (Wed.). I have before noted, that Andrew Borde calls his book about Astrology by this Title, *The Pryncyples of Astronome*, thinking Astrology too mean a word, and yet Quintilian useth the word *Astrologia* so as even to signifie Astronomy by it. Mr. Baker hath sent me the entire Preface to Borde's book, & having that I have all, there being nothing material in the book, but 'tis bound up at Cambridge (the only copy I know of) with *Evra Pater*, a book of the same kind, & much noted still by old women & country people.

Dec. 12 (Thur.). I have got John Marbeck's Concordance (so hath Mr. Baker of Cambridge) dedicated to K. Edw. VI, & printed by Richard Grafton, 1550, folio.

40 Mr. Baker knows, at least remembers, no more of Mr. Sam. Newman, who wrote the Concordance, (which is the best of its kind) than what is printed in Wood.

Pindar, printed in Greek & Latin in folio at Oxford by Mr. West & Mr. Welstead of Magd. Coll., tho' it be a very uncorrect book, yet goes now at a Guinea & an half.

Dec. 10, 1734. Rawlinson to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 181) [see Diary, Feb. 13, 14].

Dec. 13 (Fri.). The Collection of MSS. mentioned in our Oxford Catalogue Tom. II, pag. 85, Mr. Baker purchased (of the Rt. Rev. Mr. Wagstaffe) entire, only some few books omitted & as many added; among the rest the two I mentioned to Mr. Baker *Cowell's Interpreter*. & *a brief Discourse in praise of Ric. III &c.*, much such a book as Buck's History, and may possibly have been the first draught of it, for it had been wrote long before his book was printed. For in Fronte et ad calcem impressus est *Humfridus Dyson notarius publicus me possidet 1611*, & is much such a Paradox.

The MS. Copy of Martinus Polonus mentioned in our Oxford Catalogue & in Brown's Fasciculus, is likewise a part of that collection. It was Mr. Wagstaffe's desire, they should be lodged in some public Library, & accordingly Mr. Baker hath given 'em to St. John's Cambridge.

Doctor Riviere called again upon me yesterday, having been for some time at Salisbury. He now lodges at one Quatermaine's a blind Ale House at East Gate Oxford. He signified to me, that he took the Degree of Doctor of Canon and Civil Law on Sept. 15, 1707, at Rome.

Dec. 14 (Sat.). Mr. Baker cannot think me to blame, for not reading Bp. Hoadly's writings, for he hath read no more of them than I have done, that is none.

He that hath a mind to consider the old Form of Crowning our Kings, may be pleased to consult my worthy friend Mr. Anstis, who knows more of these matters than any one man now living. They have at St. John's in Cambridge (as I have been informed by Mr. Baker) the new Form (originals) both of Bp. Laud and Archbishop Sancroft, which being great Rarities & repositied in that College Library, Mr. Baker hath shown to strangers, upon occasion.

Dec. 15 (Sun.). On Thursd., Nov. 28 last, Mr. John Jones, Curat³⁰ of Abbat's Ripton, attended Dr. Knight to Ramsey, to see what Remains there were of the old Writings and Records, formerly belonging to the Abbey there. Upon their Admission into the Room, where they are kept (an upper Garret) they were both unexpectedly surprized, at so great a sight as there was of them, far exceeding any thing they imagined before their Entrance. There may be, speaking within Compass, as much as will fill a moderate Cart, tho' not a Cartload. They consist mostly of Grants & Donations made to the Abbey (most or all upon Parchment) with several Rent-Rolls, some few Terriers &c. but a great many (to Mr. Jones at least) not very legible, others gnawed in great measure by Rats⁴⁰ & Mice, which formerly haunted the Place, tho' they are now pretty well secured. Most of the Grants have large seals appendant to them, and pretty entire and legible, others broke & shattered. They lie all confused, and it would, in the opinion of Dr. Knight & Mr. Jones, take up, at least, a month's time to view and inspect every one of them distinctly, tho' they imagine, after all, that there will not be a great deal very usefull to be picked out of them. Nor is the Perusal of any one of them to be had out of the Manor-house where they are kept, without the Special Leave (if that is at all to be had) of the Gentleman that owns the Estate and

them. 'Twas his Steward, or Bayliff, who lives in the House, that favoured them with the sight of them. Dr. Knight talks of going thither again, in the Spring & warmer days of the year, in order to view the things more distinctly, & to see if there is any thing, that can be of service to Mr. Fr. Peck of Leicestershire, who wrote to him about them, Mr. Peck having, it seems, a design of publishing the *Monasticon* with Additions & Corrections &c. He also intends to publish (in his *Desiderata Curiosa*) those Memorials of the Life of Mr. N. Ferrar, which Mr. Jones formerly mentioned to me, and communicated an Extract out of. Mr. Jones¹⁰ hath them now (so he writes in his Letter of Nov. 30) by him, from the Owner, to convey to him, Dr. Knight having acquainted him with the Purport of them.

Dec. 16 (Mon.). In the Chancel of Upwood Church in Huntingdonshire is the following Epitaph, without Date, sent me by the said Mr. John Jones at the same time.

[Inscription to Peter Phesaunt, omitted.]

Dec. 17 (Tu.). The said Peter Phesaunt is the same, as I take it, with Peter Phesant, that was made Serjeant at Law on May 19, 1640, and is afterwards mentioned by Clarendon & Whitlock as a Judge, but I²⁰ know little or nothing else about him, not so much as when he died, tho' (I think) he was very infirm some time before death. Mr. Jones may have an opportunity of consulting his friends that are Lawyers, who by consulting the Books of the Inns of Court, may easily inform him particularly.

Dec. 18 (Wed.). Dr. Holmes, our present Vice-Chancellor, dined on Monday last at Mr. Hudsford's, the President of Trinity College, and yet Holmes sometime since pretended to discard all conversation with Hudsford. Dr. Holmes is entered one of the present K. George's Chaplains.

³⁰ **Dr. John Middleton**, who was formerly Chaplain of Merton College, being elected Rector of the Living of St. Peter's Cornhill, in room of the late Bp. Waugh, he was inducted into the same on Tuesday the 10th inst., as the Prints tell us, after which he gave a handsome entertainment to the Heads of the Parish at the Nag's Head Tavern in Leadenhall Street.

The Prints also tells us that on Saturday morning the 7th inst. died at London, where he lived, the celebrated Mr. James Figg, the Prizefighter from Thame in Oxfordshire; who was reckoned to fight with the most Judgment of any of the Profession.

Dec. 19 (Thur.). Mr. West tells me, by Letter without date from⁴⁰ London, that Bp. Nicholson's *Northymbria*, or as himself styles it *North-anhybria Velus* makes one of the parts of his MSS. in five folio

Dec. 16, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 90). Asks about the customs of the Nonjurors [see Diary, Dec. 3]. 'I never read Burnett's History (Libel) of his own Times.'

Dec. 17, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 68) [see Diary, Jan. 1, 2, 3].

volumes, deposited in the Library of the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, & which by the favour of Dr. George Fleming, then Dean, now Bishop Elect, of that Diocese. he had the pleasure of looking into, Thursday, Aug. 33 (*sic*), 1733. Mr. West says, I shall find their Titles set down pretty rightly p. 168 of Thomas and Richard Rawlinson's *English Topographer*. The Bp. seems to have been more intent on the rights and revenues of his See, than on his *Monumenta Danica*. Bp. Nicholson likewise gave six volumes of loose Collections, relating to the County of Northumberland, drawn up by one Thomas Mächell, but both with express order, not to be placed there till after the Death of Dr. Todd, whom ¹⁰ he mortally hated, & whose Collections he despised. Mr. West knows not, whether the particular Monument I told him Dr. Hickes had referred to, be explained by Bp. Nicholson. If he hath any opportunity of seeing those MSS. again, he intends to look more particularly into them.

Dec. 21 (Sat.). MS. Baroc. 47 Homeri Ilias paraphrastice reddita. I sent Mr. Barnes an account of it, when he was upon his edition of Homer. But as I did not think it proper to be printed, so neither did he.

Dec 22 (Sun.). MS. Baroc. 48 Nichephori Gregore varii Tractatus. A pretty little volume might be printed from the said MS. in the same ²⁰ manner as the Morells used formerly to print.

Yesterday I was with Dr. Holmes our Vice-chancellor, who is President of St. John's College. I went to thank him for the trouble he had given himself, in sending to me seven small parcels from Dr. Rawlinson, containing books, some of which the Dr. gives me, the rest (*viz.* the MSS.) he lends me.

The Vice-Chancellor took an occasion to mention, that the University would claim their right to that part of Leland's Itinerary & Collectanea that is in Bodley, and that they would print all that, but did not say who would be the Editor. This, it seems, is in opposition to me. He was ³⁰ wonderfully civil, & said such an edition would do my edition no hurt, but rather enhance the Price. I told him there were abundance of things in MSS. in the Univ. Library, as well as in College Libraries, never yet printed, which would be more credit to publish, than what had been done already. He owned this, and said methods would be taken to have such things printed.

Dec. 23 (Mon.). The Dues for one Quarter at Edmund Hall, as entered upon an old Buttery Book more than ⁴⁰ years since. Rent [the room, which is a double room, where I am] £1 8 4; Govern. 1/8; Chap. 1/-; Moder. 1/8; Lect. 2/6; Chart. 6d.; Scafol. 6d.; Domus 3/2½; Obson. 3d.; Promus 3d.; Coquus 5d.; Sub-Promus 6d.; Tonsor 1d.; Janitor 3d.; Clark 1d.; Land. 5½d.; Chandler 2/0½; Chap. Lib. 8½d.; Servit. [some more, some less, *viz.* 2/6 and 5/- and 6/8 and 15/-]; Univ. Lect. 6d.; Art. Culett 5d.; Mr^{rs} 2d. others.

The Prints of Nov. 16 last tells us from Zurich in Switzerland, that the learned World has just lost the famous M. Scheuchzer, who died of a Fever. He was a thorough good man, of extensive learning, and the most communicative to a friend. These qualities make him generally

regretted. Switzerland in particular loses in him one of the best acquainted with her History and Antiquities.

MS. Baroc. 49, several tracts of Joan. Damascenus. They should be carefully examined, and what is not published should be printed.

On Saturday last Bp. Tanner told me, Sir Philip Sydenham wrote a letter to Mr. Ant. Wood, not long before Ant. died, Sir Phil. being then of Cambridge, in which were some corrections of Mr. Wood's book, with which corrections Mr. Wood was well pleased. The Bishop said he hath got the Letter, & would look it out & shew it me.

- 10 **Dec. 24 (Tu.).** MS. Baroc. 50, a MS. containing a great many curious grammatical & philosophical pieces in Greek; among other things *Libanii Epistole Sex*, which, as I remember, I transcribed many years since, at the desire of Dr. Hudson, and they were sent beyond sea to be printed. From this MS. a pretty volume might be printed, that would be acceptable to curious & learned men.

- Dec. 25 (Wed.).** Mr. Wood, col. 1160, Vol. II, tells us Mr. Richard Pearson, younger brother of Dr. Joh. Pearson, went out Doctor of the Civil and Canon Law, upon the coming of the Prince of Tuscany to Cambridge 1669. Quaere, whether he was formally mentioned as a Proceeder in Civil
20 and Canon Law, or whether as being presented only to the Civil Law, what we only do nowadays at Oxford. The Canon Law is supposed to be included in it, tho' I think 'twould be proper enough, if distinct Degrees in Canon Law were still practised. I knew a Gentleman of Balliol College, a Master of Arts, who was resolute to proceed first B. and afterwards D. of Canon Law, but he died before he did any thing that way, unless it be that he went to the V. Chancellor, Dr. Gardiner, about it, who told him they could not hinder it, if he were resolved upon it, but said, it would give them a great deal of trouble. The name of this Gentleman was Mr. Charles Brawne, of Ball. Coll., as a member of which College he took the Degree
30 of M.A. (being a Grand-Compounder) on Feb. 11, 1716.

Dec. 26 (Thur.). In MS. Baroc. 51 are Isocratis orationes. One Mr. Fletcher, now Fellow of All Souls College, lately printed Isocrate's Orations at the Theater in Greek, but alas! he did just nothing at all to it, whereas he might with pains have done great matters by the help of our Baroccian Treasure, and he might have made it an acceptable work to learned & curious men, but what he did was for the use of Winchester School.

- I have been told by Bp. Tanner, that no one was more ready to correct his mistakes than Mr. Ant. Wood, & that he was alway well pleased, when
40 he was shewed them. Once one told him 'Mr. Wood, I have found two or three mistakes in your book.' 'Have you so' said Mr. Wood, 'I thank you; but I have found three or four score to them.'

We have more than one John Hancocke of the Univ. of Oxford. But neither of them appears to have been the John Hancocke, who wrote *Febrifugum Magnum, or Common Water the best Cure for Fevers and probably for the Plague*; London 1722, 8vo, who then wrote himself D.D., Rector of St. Margaret's Lothbury, London, Prebendary of Canterbury and Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Bedford. The Book was

much talked of when it first came out, and the Author's method much followed. I think the Author was of Cambridge.

When I talked tother day with Dr. Holmes our Vice-Chancellor, I mentioned how much 'twould be for the honour of our University and the advancement of learning, to have a number of our learned men in the Univ. set about publishing our MSS. It would be far more for the honour of a Univ. to do so, than to publish books already well published, especially since we have such a great variety in all faculties, & such too as ought to be printed, & every College & Hall should joyn in the work. He approved of what I said, & said he would do what he could, that it should be executed. The like may be observed of Cambridge.

Dec. 31 (Tu.). Mr. Thomas Bedford, one of the sons of my friend the late Mr. Hilkeah Bedford, is now very inquisitive about the Liturgies of St. Basil, St. Mark, St. James, St. Chrysostom, and other Greek Liturgies, & hath wrote to me about them, to get intelligence about MSS. in Bodley, well knowing, he saith, that there is no body better acquainted with the MSS. there than my self. He wants the age of them, and other particulars, and a person to be recommended to collate such MSS. But having been debarred the Library a great number of years, I am now a stranger there, and cannot in the least assist him, tho' I once designed to have been very nice in examining all those Liturgical MSS. and to have given notes of their age, and particularly of Leofric's Latin Missal, which I had a design of printing, being countenanced thereto by Dr. Hickes, Mr. Dodwell &c. It is called Leofric's Missal, because given by Bp. Leofric to his church at Exeter. Some part of this MS. is of later date than Leofric's time, & Mr. Bedford therefore desires to have my opinion of the antiquity of the Canon of the Mass, which is one part of it. I wish I could gratify Mr. Bedford.

At the end of the volume.

Mr^s. Saunders of the Coffee House in St. Marie's died suddenly by miscarrying on Monday night Sept. 23, buried in St. Marie's on Wednesday night following.

Nov. 1. At $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after one in the morning died of the small pox Mr^s. Knap of Clay Hall in St. Clement's parish, Oxford.

Nov. 10. John Spindler (about 30) killed by the Castle Mill at Oxford, the Mill crushing him to pieces.

Dec. 9. Hammond an hatter of Botley found dead in Oatlands on this side Boltslock Bridge.

Dec. 15. Died Mr^s. Clarke, a very fine young widow woman, aged 23. of the small Pox. Her husband died near a year since. She kept a Coffee House near Cairfax in Oxford. Buried in All Hallows churchyard, Dec. 16.

Dec. 27, 1734. Cuthbert Constable to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 242). 'When I was last at Wycliffe, having not time to goe over to old Mr. Smith of Melsonby myself, I desired the Parson of Wycliffe to inquire about *ludus carparum*, which he promised me he woud and gave me his own sentiments of it, which I here enclose and which I think very reasonable and likely.' Encloses an extract from Scapula's Lexicon.

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Jan. 1 (Wed.). Dr. Brett's answer to Dr. Warren, Fellow of Trin. Hall Cambridge, who at Mr. Baker's desire, wrote to him about Mr. Wood's papers, said to have been in the hands of Mr. Heyman, formerly of Merton College. Sent me by Mr. Baker from Cambridge Dec. 17. 'I am very sorry that I cannot oblige Mr. Hearne, with such papers as he desires. For though Mr. Heyman made me his Executor, yet none of his Papers came to my hands. Young Markham was at Oxford with Mr. Heyman, when he died, & as that young man was then just in orders, & going to a Living, Mr. Heyman gave him all his Sermons and notes, which he took
10 into his possession, before I came to Oxford, where I could not arrive till the day he was buried, so I never saw any of his Papers, but what related to his Accounts. If he had any Papers of Mr. Wood's, Markham took them with his other notes. I neither saw or heard of them. Markham died in a year or two after, & his Father who was rector of Eastwell, I suppose, took his Papers & left them to his widow, who is also dead, & I know not what she did with her husband's books or papers, or where to inquire after them.

However (adds Mr. Baker) Dr. Warren doubts not but he (Dr. B.) will enquire after 'em, but very much doubts, whether he will find them.

Jan. 2 (Thurs.). The little thing (I spoke of in the preceding volume) entitled *The Rights of Churches and Colleges defended &c.* was wrote by Dr. Long, late Vicechancellor of Cambridge, & Master of Pembroke Hall, most known for his Skill in Astronomy. So I am told by Mr. Baker & others,

Mr. Baker at the same time told me he was long of opinion that Dr. John Battely was the author of Mr. Wharton's life, but speaking of it to Dr. Bennett, he sent Mr. Baker this account: — 'I asked the Bp. of Ely [Dr. Green] about that matter; he told me Mr. Wharton's father had written an account in an odd manner, & that Archbishop Tenison bad
30 him take the materials & mould them up anew. This he did & so 'twas printed. Oct. 23, 1725, J. Bennett.'

Mr. Baker told me I might impart that Memorandum to Bp. Tanner, if I pleased, with his humble service. This accordingly I did, & the Bp. said he thanked Mr. Baker, adding no more. As to Mr. Wharton's preparing *Benedictus Abbas* for the Press, Mr. Baker knows nothing.

Mr. Twells hath published Proposals for reprinting Dr. Pocock's Theological Works in two folios with his Life, written partly by Mr. Humphrey Smith & partly by Mr. Twells himself, at two guineas to Subscribers. In col. 748 of Vol. II of Ath. Oxon. is an account of
40 Mr. William Guise, a prodigious young man in orientals, before a post-humous book of whose is put something of Dr. Pocock's.

Jan. 2, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 363). Has been with Brown Willis at Whaddon [see Diary, Jan. 17]. 'Next week brings Bp. Tanner to attend the Parliament.'

Jan. 3 (Fri.). The true copy of Luther's letter MS. at C.C.C., Cambridge, was sent up to Dr. Hickes by Mr. Bedford, as Mr. Bedford told Mr. Baker himself, and Mr. Baker presumes is the same that is published in the Discourses about Burnet & Tillotson; to which, says Mr. Baker, if you have seen Bp. Burnet's answer, I believe you will be of opinion, it had better not been printed. He adds, 'Our worthy friend, Dr. Hickes, had been too much heated, & took up severall things too readily in trust; & yet what is said of Dr. Turner's entertaining Dr. Burnet at Cambridge, I know to be true; being then a young man in College, & 'twas the only time I ever saw Dr. Burnet, tho' I have heard from him ¹⁰ often.'

Jan. 4 (Sat.). There are three that were of the Univ. of Oxford just made Bishops viz. (1) George Fleming, printed Will. Fleming in the last Cat. of Oxford Graduates, tho' in the former Catalogue 'twas printed rightly George Fleming. He is commonly called Dr. Fleming, tho' he took the Degree of M.A. only at Oxford, which was on Mar. 7, 1694, as a Member of Edm. Hall, where I found him a resident M.A., when I first came thither. If he be Doctor, it must be of some other place. He is made Bp. of Carlisle. (2) Dr. Tho. Secker, rector of St. James's, who is made Bp. of Bristol in room of Bp. Cecil who is translated to ²⁰ Bangor. This Secker went out Dr. of Law at Oxford last Publick Act in 1733, at which time he preached one of the Act Sermons. (3) Martin Benson, formerly Student of Christ Church, as a member of which he took the Degree of M.A., Mar. 13, 1712. He is commonly called Dr. Benson, and I think he was made a Doctor at Cambridge. Quære? He is made Bp. of Gloucester. He is related to Browne Willis Esq.

Jan. 6 (Mon.). Milton's *Paradise Lost*, the 12th Edit., London, 1725 8^{vo}, printed for Jacob Tonson, to which is prefixed an account of Milton's life. The author of the life says that Milton, after he commenced Master of Arts as a member of Christ's College Cambridge, ³⁰ returned to his father, who had quitted the town [London] and lived at Horton near Colebrooke in Berkshire. NB. It should be Halton or Holton near Whately in Oxfordshire.¹

Anno aetatis 35, he married Mary the daughter of Richard Powell of Forest-hill in Oxfordshire.

The *Russian Catechism* with an account of the Church Government and Ceremonies of the Muscovites; London, 1725, 8^{vo} ed. 2nd, where

Jan. 3, 1734. Thomas Winder to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 381). 'When a Member of Edmund's Hall, I had reason to believe you wished me well; for which I must allways esteem you. I am afraid I had no Qualifications to gain your Esteem; therefore your Regard for me was moved by the first Principles of Franck Humanity. As an earnest of my acknowledgement, I have sent a small Pott of Woodcocks, which I beg you will accept of. There are two more Potts one for Dr. Felton, & the other for his Lady. I desire you will acquaint them with this. The Potts will be in Oxford Thursday next, carriage paid to Coventry.'

Jan. 5, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 69) [see Diary, Jan. 13, 14, 15].

¹ Hearne's guess is incorrect.—ED.

'tis noted (p. 54) that their priests (whom they call Popes or Papaes) are made by the Bishops, without any great Examination before, or Ceremonies at, their admission &c.

Jan. 7 (Tues.). Elias Meniati, Bishop of Cephalonia, has in our time writ the Schism between the Eastern and Western Churches. This book of Meniati is writ in the vulgar Greek, and is to be seen in my Lord Harley's Library, who is a diligent Collector of all that's curious in all languages and sciences. To ask Mr. West to look upon this book, and to send what volume it is in.

10 Jan. 8 (Wed.). Dr. John Holte, archdeacon of Salop, died after a few days illness, of the Gout in his Stomach on Dec. 22, 1734, at his Rectory of Ripple in Worcestershire, e litteris Joannis Audley Jan. 3 apud Bremicham ad amicissimum nostrum Lovedaium. This Dr. John Holte, who was of Christ Church in Oxford, was a man of a sweet good nature, as is also his Lady, now a widow. They were looked upon as the most loving couple in England.

I must remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether he knows of any Sermons, that have been preached on St. Cecilia's day at Cambridge & afterwards printed. It is in behalf of a friend viz. Thomas Rawlins Esq., who wants
 20 also to know, whether I can tell him of any Sermons which have been preached on St. Cecilia's day before the Univ. of Oxon. Two he hath, one preached by Dr. Atterbury in the year 1698, and another by Mr. Dingley of Corpus in 1713. Mr. Rawlins hath collected 17 discourses upon Musical occasions.

Jan. 9 (Thurs.). Yesterday was a most excessive wet day (as indeed we have had of late a strange glut of rain) beginning very early in the morning and continuing till late at night, the wind all the time being prodigiously high; and which is strange, in the forenoon, about 10 clock or past, for an hour was a vast deal of thunder & lightning, the thunder
 30 very loud and frightfull. A great deal of damage was done. I think I never knew a more terrible day, taking it from the beginning to the end. In the upper Town Hall of the City of Oxford, a beam was split & beat down with the Lightning, which occasioned the Sessions yesterday to be held in the lower Town Hall.

Jan. 10 (Fri.). Put into my hands yesterday by Mr. Loveday who had the Paper from Dr. Newland of their College. I know not whether something about Gresham College be writing.

Gresham Professors:—Caleb Willis, M.A. of Oxford, chosen Rhetoric Professor 1598. He was the first.

40 Richard Ball, M.A. of Oxford, chosen Rhetoric Professor in 1598. He succeeded Mr. Willis. These two were recommended together at first for that province by the University of Oxford.

Peter Mounsele M.D., chosen Physic Professor in 1607. He studied at Oxford, and was recommended by the University: but whether he was of any particular College I know not.

John Gooderidge M.A., chosen Rhetoric professor in 1628.

Thomas Leonard LL.D. chosen Civil Law professor in 1649.

John Clarke LL.D. chosen Civil Law professor in 1670.

John King M.B. chosen Rhetoric professor in 1676.

I suppose these four must have been of Oxford, because I can get no account of them from Cambridge upon the strictest enquiry. So far Dr. Newland's paper.

Jan. 11 (Sat.). Dr. Newland should consult the Univ. Matriculation Books. Also the Univ. Registers of such as have taken Degrees. He should also consult Mr. Wood's MSS. in Mus. Ashm. particularly 8475. 13, 8476. 14, 8490. 28, 8506. 44, 8507. 45, 8508. 46, 8509. 47, 8510. 48, 8511. 49, 8512. 50.

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Jan. 12 (Sun.). I have heard that the present Bp. of Worcester, Dr. John Hough, often talks of the affair of Magd. Coll. Oxford at the time of the Revolution (more properly Rebellion) particularly with respect to K. James's Mandamus for a President. He (Hough) was then Chaplain to the Chanc. of Oxon, the Duke of Ormond. He and others, even all excepting three, were resolved to oppose the Mandamus, & they pitched upon Dr. Baptista Levins, Bishop of Man, for President, who accepted of their offer, & said he would stand, and if elected would zealously maintain the Statutes in opposition to the Mandamus. But Hough says, a little after came a letter from a very near Relation (a brother) of Leving's, 20 persuading him by all that was sacred, to desist, which accordingly he did; which being looked upon as very dishonourable, they were put to their Shifts, but at last resolved to elect Hough, who told them he would not only accept of it, tho' so ticklish a time, but would strenuously act against the Mandamus. And it was then resolved to chose Mr., afterwards Dr., Edward Maynard with him (for there must be two) which being effected accordingly, Hough was brought in President, to the great Disappointment of all that were for the Mandamus.

Jan. 13 (Mon.). I begin to think (as Mr. Baker does) that 'twill be to little purpose to enquire further about what I said with respect to Mr. 30 Heyman. Any papers of Mr. Wood's now begin to be valuable, tho' a great many slighted him, when he was alive.

Some one or other (I know not who) I suppose is writing an account of the several Professors of Gresham College, which perhaps may be the reason why the names above mentioned were put into my hands.

Just printed and published, *An Epistle from Mr. Pope to Dr. Arbuthnot*, London, 1734, fol. a Poem. Mr. Pope takes notice in it, more than once, of Mr. Theobalds, but 'tis only by way of contempt, & seems obstinate in persisting in errors. Let him despise as much as he will, 'tis certain Theobalds shewed himself much his superior in learning & what 40 he undertook to do with respect to Shakespeare.

In p. 18 of this Poem Mr. Pope hath this note

Let the two Curls of Town and Court, abuse
His Father, Mother, Body, Soul and Muse.

In some of Cyril's and other Pamphlets, Mr. Pope's father was said to be a Mechanic, a Hatter, a Farmer, nay a Bankrupt. But, what is stranger, a Nobleman (if such a reflection can be thought to come from

a Nobleman) has dropt an Allusion to his pitiful Untruth, in his *Epistle to a Doctor of Divinity*. And the following line

Hard as thy Heart, and as thy Birth obscure

had fallen from a like Courtly pen, in the *Verses to the Imitator of Horace*. Mr. Pope's father was of a Gentleman's family in Oxfordshire, the Head of which was the Earl of Downe, whose sole Heiress married the Earl of Lindsey. His mother was the Daughter of William Turnor Esq. of York. She had three brothers, one of whom was killed, another died in the service of King Charles, the eldest following his Fortunes, and becoming a General
10 Officer in Spain, left her what estate remained after the Sequestrations and Forfeitures of her Family. Mr. Pope died in 1717, aged 75; she in 1733, aged 93, a very few weeks after this Poem was finished.

Jan. 14 (Tues.). The Prints mention the death of the Rev. Mr. Abraham Kent, Vicar of Amwell in Hartfordshire in the diocese of London. This Gentleman was a Commoner of Edmund Hall Oxon, as a member of which, he took the Degree of M.A. on June 13, 1705, at which time I presented him in the Congregation. His Father was a Warwickshire man, and in that County this Mr. Abr. Kent was born.

Dr. Hancock, who wrote of cold water, was of St. John's Coll. in
20 Cambr., where he took his Degree of D.D.; the time Mr. Baker does not well remember.

Sir Philip Sydenham was of Catharine Hall in that University. From what I observed lately to Mr. Baker, and from what Mr. Baker observed formerly to me, he doubts [in his letter of Jan. 5] he is no longer in the Land of the living. He was (saith Mr. Baker) an unhappy man & I am sorry for him. [He is still alive, Mar. 12, 1734.]

The Bursar at King's College, Mr. Evans is at last returned, after a citation had been put up. How he will clear his great Account, is more than Mr. Baker or I know; but if time be all that is wanting,
30 Mr. B. presumes it will be granted him, if not for his own sake, for the sake of the College. He has found good Friends, which are not easily met with, in time of Distress.

Jan. 15 (Wed.). Yesterday one Field, a Commoner of Hart Hall told me, he had got transcribed for Mr. Edward Burton, the MS. notes upon Dion Chrysostome, that are in a printed Copy of that Author in Selden's Library. He said, they were transcribed by some body of All Souls, and the Transcript comes to three Guineas at 3/- per sheet. I never heard Mr. Burton say any thing of this matter, otherwise I would have told him they have been transcribed several times. I copied them
40 myself more than once. Once I think for Mr. Piers of Cambridge, who was said to design an Edition of Dion Chrysostome, & afterwards again I copied them for Mr. Francis Cherry, & there are other Transcripts. I do not remember who was the Author of these notes.

Mr. Baker likes my advice about publishing their MSS. at Cambridge, & hopes it will be followed, when their books and MSS. are sett in order, a design they are now upon, & having a new Librarian, Mr. Parne of Trin. Coll., he says they may better hope for it from him & Dr. Middleton, men very well fitted & qualified for such business.

I did not know before that Mr. Parne was Librarian, but it seems it is in room of Mr. Taylor, who is made the Univ. Register.

Jan. 16 (Thur.). It was falsely reported, that one Mr. Hawkins, a Chirurgeon of Oxford, died on Sun. Dec. 22 last. He did not die till yesterday, when the bells went for him. His elder brother is a serjeant at Law, hath published several Law books, and was formerly fellow of Oriel College. This Chirurgeon (commonly called Dr. Hawkins) was formerly a Chirurgeon for some years in the Army in Portugal & elsewhere. After his return he lived in Oxford, where he was born & where he died. He had left a widow & 10 children. He died of a Consumption. 10
[NB. Buried Sun. Jan. 19 in a grave, by his own direction, above 7 foot deep, in St. Michael's Church. He was 47 years of age.]

Jan. 17 (Fri.). One, who hath spent lately three days with Mr. Browne Willis at Whaddon, tells me, that he found him indefatigable in the Corporation and Tradesmen's half pence and farthings.

Martin Benson, Archdeacon of Berks, having accepted of the Bishoprick of Gloucester (on the refusal of Dr. Mawson) Blechley living is become vacant, but Mr. Willis's son will not be capable of taking it till next Christmas.

Jan. 18 (Sat.). From a Paper communicated by Mr. Loveday. 20
Libell de Roma 1682.

Miror de Prelatis Gallicis, cujus sunt ordinis. In aggregatione temporalium se habent ut Laici; in acceptione decimarum ut Clerici; in apparatu ut Milites; in ornatu ut Mulieres; et tamen non laborant ut Laici; non predicant ut Clerici; non pugnant ut Milites; non pariunt ut Mulieres. Ergo nullius ordinis sunt. Si nullius ordinis sunt ubi erunt? Ubi nullus est ordo, ubi sempiternus horror inhabitat.

Jan. 19 (Sun.). Henry Hen of Folly-John Park in Berks, was made Knight, Nov. 10, 1642, at Reading, *Tho. Walkley's Catalogue of Creations*, printed at London 1648, 8°, p. 161, where p. 168 it is noted that the 30
King went from Oxon Ap. 27. 1646.

Articles framed by Sir William Coventrie (see Wood's Athen. Oxon. Vol. 2 p. 794) from Mr. Loveday:—

Sept. 23, 1675. Oxon. We whose names are under written, observing notwithstanding a Statute made in the time of King Charles that now is, for the preventing the unnecessary and unlawfull charges of Sheriffes, yet that such persons as have since that time bin Sheriffes in this County of Oxon. have made greate expences, contrary to the said Law, which we suppose to have proceeded from the apprehensions they have had, that those who should begin the reformation might bee lyable to sensure as men more avaricious then those 40
who preceeded in the same, soe that through want of good example the law is contemned & broken;

It is therefore agreed by all the persons whose names are here under-subscribed, that noe one of the persons who shall subscribe to these Articles shall, when hee is made Sheriffe of the said County, have above thirty Livery men, nor under Twenty men for his attendance, either at the Assizes or att any other time or place where his presence as sheriffe of the said County shall bee required; of which thirty the livery men that are to bee provided by such gentlemen as are subscribers to these articles shall bee parte.

That when any of the said subscribers shall bee made Sheriffe of the said County, the livery shall bee a plaine Grey Cloath Coate edged & lined through with Greene & a black hatt. And shall as often as any of the said subscribers shalbee Sheriffes of the said County, bee as neere & much alike both in Colour, Cloath & otherwise as can bee reasonably bought & made; likewise every livery shall bring with him a Javelin suiteable.

That when any of the said subscribers shalbee made Sheriffe of the said County every other of the said subscribers shall provide one man habited in such a Livery as aforesaid, to attend such Sheriffe at the Assizes for the said
10 County; and shall beare the chardges both of such Livery men & his horse dureing the Assizes; Those subscribed in the first colume to attend the Winter Assizes, & those in the second Colume the Sumer Assizes.

That when any of the said subscribers that (*sic*) shalbee Sherife of the said County, hee shall at the Assizes for the said County & dureing the time of such Assizes dine at an ordinary, & not make any invitation of any person whatsoever, nor keepe any Undersheriffe's table, which said ordinary shall not exceed fower shillings for meate, beere & ale, and all wine at that ordinary shalbee paid for by those that call for it, & before it bee used or spent. And the ordinary for the servants twelve pence and noe more.

20 That when any of the said subscribers shalbee made Sheriffe of the said County, every other of the said subscribers in the first Colume shall perpetually accompany such Sheriffe at the Winter Assizes for the said County; And those in the second Colume at the Summer Assizes; And every one of the said subscribers dureing the said Assizes shall dine at the same table with such Sheriffe and pay for his owne ordinary & proper chardges. And in case by reason of any very urgent & extraordinary occasion any one of the said subscribers shalbee hindred from comeing in person to accompany the Sheriffe in such manner as is before mentioned, that then hee shall send some other Gentleman to represent him and accompany the Sheriffe as himselfe ought to have don and
30 to pay as himselfe should doe, if hee were personally present.

That when any one of the said subscribers shalbee made Sheriffe of the said County, hee shall give noe present or gratuity either to the Judges themselves or to any other servants, officers or attendance, nor to any Trumpeter that shall come the Circuite, or pretend to attend or waite upon the Judges througe the Circuite.

For the making the attendance on the sheriffe more equall to all the Subscribers, it is agreed that those that attend at the Winter Assizes the first yeare shall attend at the Summer Assizes the next yeare & soe vice versa every yeare.

40 That none shalbee admitted to subscribe to these Articles after hee is pricked Sheriffe.

That noe Subscriber that hereafter shalbee nominated Sheriffe shall receive any money or other gratuity from the person hee shall nominate to bee his Undersheriffe, other than the usuall covenants for the due execution of his office & the chardges in procureing the Patent & Quietus.

Since these articles, the Subscribers have agreed with Mr Wood for 3l. a peece to find thirty liverys & mainteyne the men & horses at every assize for Three yeares, which hee hath don for six yeares past. And now this Assizes, July 1681, thave subscribed to pay 3l. for three yeares to come.

50 On the backside. Aug. 8, 1681.

Jan 20 (Mon.). Dr. Tho. Tooke, of whom Dr. Moss gives that fair and deserved Character, was of the Univ. of Camb., Fellow of Benet College, & as the Dr. then gave his Character in English, so he has likewise given us his Epitaph in Latin, too long (Mr. Baker says, Dec. 17, 1734) for a letter. He, Dr. T., was succeeded by his Brother.

Jan 21 (Tu.). I have just read over the Life of Bp. Burnett, printed at the end of the said Bishop's History of his own Time. In it 'tis said, that he was a great friend to the Nonjurors, particularly to Dr. Beech, whom he rescued from troubles, & was so indulgent to them as to secure their congregation (he calls it a *meeting-house*; Burnet himself p. 65 of his Vindication against some Discourses terms it a *Conventicle*) at Salisbury from being molested. Tho' the Bishop's Son be the Editor of this work of the Bishop's, which at best is but a libel, yet I have heard, that Benj. Hoadley is the real Author of the Life.

Jan. 22 (Wed.). One Evans, Bursar of King's Coll. in Cambridge, ¹⁰ went off lately indebted to that College 2000l. His Expulsion was talked off (*sic*), which is too light a punishment for so great a Crime. But it seems he is since returned, & the matter so compromised, that he will be excused with a much less penalty than Expulsion, he having met with friends.

Jan. 23 (Thur.). At the same time I read over Burnett's Life, I took the opportunity of running or turning over his second volume of his History of his own Time, which, it seems, is much less offensive than his first vol., and yet for all that, 'tis nothing but a Romance or Libell, & were there nothing else to do it, it plainly (I think) shews the Author ²⁰ to be a canting Enthusiast.

Jan. 24 (Fri.). This day I wrote to Mr. Thomas Winder, of Preston in Lancashire, who was lately of Brasen Nose College & afterwards a Commoner of Edm. Hall, where he took the degree of B.A. He was a very civil, pretty, comely Gentleman, but wanted to be taken care of by his Tutor and others, that were to inspect him. But they were remiss. The County of Lancaster hath produced many remains of Antiquity, but Dr. Leigh's account of them is far from being accurate & exact. It would be both pleasant & usefull, if Mr. Winder (and so I have told him) would now and then endeavour to improve him. I believe he may do it without ³⁰ much trouble especially at such times as he happens to make Excursions into the Country. But I leave that to his consideration.

Jan. 25 (Sat.). Bishop Burnet in his Reflections upon (or Vindication of himself against) *Some Discourses upon Dr. Burnet and Dr. Tillotson* speaks mightily against Calumny and Scurrility. He bears very hard upon Dr. Hickes, tho' at the same time he was not sure that Dr. Hickes was the real author of those Discourses, and yet, for my part, I think Dr. Hickes was the true Author, & I value the book much, and tho' there may be some mistakes in it, yet what those are I cannot be certain from Burnet's Book, because I am apt to question almost every thing that ⁴⁰ Burnet wrote, especially since his libell (in two Volumes in folio) which he calls *the History of his own Time* came out. And 'tis now confessed by most, that he was a most notorious *fabulator*, others say lyer.

Jan. 24, 1734. H. to Thomas Winder (Rawl. 27 C. 381) [*see* Diary, Jan. 24]. Had liked Winder because of his interest in Antiquities and because of his virtuous parents.

Jan. 25, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 70) [*see* Diary, Jan. 30].

In p. 97 he observes, among other things, of Archbishop Sancroft, that his (Archbishop Sancroft's) Chaplains took the Oaths, and were not discountenanced by him &c. Sure I have heard more than once from very good hands, that he was much displeased with Mr. Wharton for it, & that Mr. Wharton was not afterwards admitted to him with that freedom as before.

Yesterday died at Forrest hill near Oxford, Mary, the eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Whistler, one of yeoman Beadles of the Univ. of Oxford. She had formerly a bastard child by a Gentleman Commoner of Magd. College. She was never married. Since which, she hath had another, by one of New College as said. [She was buried in the churchyard of St. Peter in the East, Tuesday night, Jan. 28.]

Jan. 26 (Sun.). The Hon. Cuthbert Constable Esq. sent me some time agoe a small book of the humble but learned Dr. Hawarden, in answer to Chillingworth. He's many years above seventy, and designs to write no more, nor would he have published this in his life time, had not Mr. Constable prevailed with him.¹

Jan. 27 (Mon.). Just printed & published:—*Calumny Refuted, or an Answer to the Personal Slanders published by Dr. Richard Newton, in his Letter to Dr. Holmes, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford &c., in which also the Lord Bishop of Exeter [Dr. Weston] and of the Society of Exeter College in relation to Hart Hall is vindicated.* By John Conybeare D.D., Dean of Christ Church. London, 1735, 8vo.

Page 7, 'The Principals of Halls were originally no more than Tutors to their respective Companies, and had no other Income from their Halls, than what arose from the Stipends of Tutors, and the Advantage of renting, at a moderate Rate, the Halls they lived in, and their letting out the several Apartments to their Scholars.'

Page 8, 'In reference to Arthur and Hart Halls, Exeter College conceived they had a right to them; and since they thought so, were concerned not only to insist on their Right, but likewise to oppose the Doctor's Charter till their Right should be determined.'

Page 13, 'Some time towards the latter end of the year 1722, or the Beginning of 1723, I discovered casually a Memorandum in Eveleigh's Register Book of Exeter College Estates, which suggested that the Title of Exeter College to Hart Hall was much clearer than the Title of Magdalen College to Magdalen Hall; and that Hart Hall might be recovered to Exeter College, if it should be ever thought worth while to contend for it. This, I must confess, surprised me; having hitherto given Credit to a vulgar Error, that all the Halls, St. Edmund's only excepted, had been yielded to the Earl of Leicester in Queen Elizabeth's time.'

Jan. 28 (Tu.). Conybeare might be well surprized at such a Memo-

Jan. 28, 1734½. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 365) [see Diary, Jan. 31].

¹ At the end of the volume 'Jan. 26, died Jack Kates of Botley Mill, of a lingering distemper'.

random, as indeed I am. For I always thought, and do still think, that Hart Hall was given up to the Earl of Leycester at the same time with the other Halls, all but Edmund Hall. And I am of opinion that Exeter College can never bring a clear, full proof to the contrary, whatever favours they may meet with above. However, this being a plea of the College, it ought to have been tried, & no charter should be granted till their right be disproved, unless they agree to it themselves. As for this book of Conybeare's, it refutes Newton much better than I expected, & shews Newton to have misrepresented things in his Quotations, what he had done before in his Case of University College, & to be guilty of 10 Calumny & lying; & yet in that Conybeare is likewise to be blamed, & really I cannot tell which of them is the most to be credited. I have no opinion of Conybeare's veracity from what I know myself particularly of him, which is his falsifying his word in a very material point many years agoe.

On p. 40 he takes notice of Newton's offer of fifty years purchase, if Exeter College would part with what they had a right to at Hart Hall. The words are 'He [Newton] told me [i.e. Conybeare] he would give Exeter College fifty years Purchase for the release of one pound thirteen shillings and four pence, which had been the rent of Hart Hall, usually 20 payed to Exeter College, in case we would cease all Opposition to his Charter, and give up all farther Claim to the Hall. This was all he meant, he told me. It was natural for me to reply (as I did reply) that the thing in dispute between Dr. Newton and us, had no relation to the one pound, thirteen shillings and fourpence (which he himself had always allowed) but whether we had not a compleat right to the site of Arthur¹ and Hart Halls; and therefore, his Proposal really amounted to this, that if we would give up all we had been contending for, he would then give us a handsome Purchase for what had never been disputed. To which I added, that it would not be adviseable for us, on any account, to part 30 with any of the clear rents of the College; for which I gave him several reasons, needless to be repeated'.

Jan. 29 (Wed.). The Prints tell us that on Saturday the 18th inst. Dr. George Fleming was confirmed Bishop of Carlisle at Bow Church in Cheapside, as were also Dr. Martin Benson in the Bishoprick of Gloucester & Dr. Thomas Secker to the Bishoprick of Bristol. The Prints tell us also that they were consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury at his Palace at Lambeth on Sunday the 19th inst.

Dr. Conybeare in his book p. 46 mentions the Plea that Exeter College sent word by him they would go upon. I have authority (saith he) from 40 the Society to acquaint you that when we come to the Lord Privy Seal, we shall alledge no more than this, that we conceive the site of Arthur & Hart Halls belongs to us, and that we desire your charter may be suspended, till we have an opportunity of trying our Title in one of His Majesty's Courts, which we shall be ready to do as soon as possible.

¹ Arthur Hall was given to Exeter College at its foundation, and very soon was lost. Hence it has often been assumed as here, that it was incorporated in Hart Hall. Its site is not certain, but it was somewhere in New College garden.—Ed.

There are some things silly enough in this book of Conybeare's, particularly what he observes in p. 78, as if Dr. Newton were inclined to Jacobitism, which he mentions upon account of Dr. Newton's having observed that 'twould be an Honour to the reign in which the founding of Hart Hall College is accomplished.

And 'tis as silly what he says p. 74 that there is no need of erecting Hart Hall into a College, because there are Colleges more than sufficient for the reception of all persons like to be sent to us for education; which brings to my mind, what Conybeare some time since said before several
10 witnesses in St. Clement's parish, viz. that he hoped to live to see all Charity Schools put a stop to or quite obstructed.

It must be allowed, that Conybeare in this book hath well defended the Bp. of Exeter (Dr. Weston) against Dr. Newton, as if Weston had not considered or indeed was ignorant in the affair, whereas he had considered it a great while together, & weighed every point, & had made himself Master in the Subject & thereupon he directed the College to plead their claim, which he told them was a very good one, & he would stand heartily by them.

Jan. 30 (Thur.). Dr. Conybeare declares towards the end of his
20 book, that he will not write any more on that Subject, being fully satisfied that Dr. Newton will have the last word, & will go on in writing on that argument.

Tho' Martin Benson be made Bp. of Gloucester, yet that Bishoprick was first offered to Dr. Mawson, Master of Corpus Christi College Cambridge, & I must, with Mr. Baker, always look upon those as truly great men that refuse Preferment.

The said Benson had his Degree of Dr. of Divinity at the late Promotion upon K. George II's coming to Cambridge 1728, & so had Dr. Cecil.

30 Dr. George Fleming had his Degree at Lambeth, as Mr. Baker is well assured.

Mr. Baker, in his Letter of the 25th thanks me for my account of Professors of Gresham, which he sent to Mr. John Ward, Professor of Rhetoric there, in my name, with whom he corresponds, & yet he is the Person that wrote against Dr. Middleton, in defence of my friend Dr. Mead. He is writing an History of that College, & Mr. Baker believes will do it well.

Mr. Baker hears nothing further from Dr. Brett, nor does he know any thing of the intended edition (I told him of) of Dion Chrysostome by Mr.
40 Piers, but is sorry it miscarried.

Mr. Baker says we shall shortly have an account of the Origin of printing in England, which will deserve an answer from Oxford, for it will hardly meet with an answer at Cambridge.

If it is answered at Oxford, it must be done by some one that hath free Access to the Books & Papers of that Place, which I have not:

They have allowed the Bursar at King's College more time, to clear his Accounts, which proceed slowly.

John Milton, coll. Chr., was admitted into the Matricula of the University of Cambridge (Pensioner) April 9, 1625; Art. Bac. 1628, 9;
50 Art. Mag. 1632. So Mr. Baker.

John Major lodged, when he was at Cambridge, in Christ's College, because 'twas in St. Andrew's Parish. I suppose therefore there was a good Ring of Bells at St. Andrew's.

Dr. Lambert, Master of St. John's College Cambridge, dyed last Friday Jan. 24 somewhat suddenly, which is really a loss to the College, the business whereof he understood perfectly well. He was looked upon as a good man, & I have heard a great character of him from several hands.

Jan. 31 (Fri.). 'Twas Mr. Bagford that first gave me notice of the Proclamation that I printed in Titus Livius Foro-Julienſis's Life of 10 Hen. V, for the Apprehension of Sir John Oldcastle, the Lord Cobham. It was shewed him in the White Tower by Mr. Dale the Herald. Upon which I wrote to Mr. Dale, who thereupon sent it me.

Mr. West hath asked (as he tells me from the Inner Temple of the 28th inst.) Lord Oxford about the Archbishop of Cephalonia's book, but his Lordship knows nothing of it. My Lord Duplin (son to the Earl of Kinoul) remembers (he thinks) the book, & if I can recollect the Date & place where printed he will endeavour to find it, if in the Harleian Collection or amongst the books lately sent from the Earl of Kinoul from Constantinople. 20

What I said of that book, I had from the Russian Cathechism &c. mentioned above under Jan. 6, where I have given the words.

Feb. 1 (Sat.). The MS. of R. Peacock at Trin. Coll. Cambr. Mr. Baker hath seen, as he told me by letter on Mar. 13, 1730, as well as Mr. Wharton's printed copy. He likewise saw that in their Publick Library (The Repressour &c.) when it was borrowed out by a Friend of Mr. Lewis, to be perused for his use. But it is altogether controversial, & so could be of no use to me, if I had had it when I was printing Hemingford, where I have published the Process against Peacock & many historical things about him. At the same time Mr. Baker signified 30 that he believed it was not of much use to Mr. Lewis.

Feb. 2 (Sun.). Mr. Tho. Browne (a worthy good man & Nonjuror) was Schollar and Fellow of St. John's Coll. Cambridge. Tho. Browne, Middlesexiensis de S. Egidio in Campis, filius Thome B. defuncti, annos natus 17, litteris institutus in hospitio Sutton per septennium, admissus in Coll. Jo. Jan. 13, 1671; admissus Socius pro D. Fundatrice Mar. 18, 1678. He married a wife much younger than himself (betwixt the age of 30 and 40) having first resigned his Fellowship, & was not ejected. So Mr. Baker of Mar. 13.¹

Feb. 3 (Mon.). A short View of the English History, with Re- 40 flections &c. to the Revolution of 1688, by B. Higgins of the Middle

Feb. 3, 1734. Will. Brome to H. (Rawl. 27 B. 183). 'This is the first

¹ At the end of the volume, 'Feb. 2, died (being found dead in his bed) Gilbert Gardiner at the Almes House in St. Clement's aged about 72. He had been blind many years, occasioned by a blow when he was younger. He was also Almes man of Ewelme. He was buried at St. Clement's Feb. 5.'

Temple, Esq., London, 1734, 8^{vo}. 'Tis a new Edition. The former had been sold for a Guinea.

The Author was of St. John's College, Oxford. See Ath. Oxon. An honest man and hath shrewd remarks. He observes that the Clergy are always the first in promoting and striking in with Revolutions, upon which there are many severe Guirds in his Book upon them.

He very rightly observes that Bp. Burnet was a downright enthusiastical Villain, & had no Religion.

[Quotations from Higgins to discredit Burnet.]

- 10 **Feb. 5 (Wed.).** Besides the said book of Mr. Higgins's, I have just read over another of his entit. *Historical and Critical Remarks on Bp. Burnet's History of his own time.* By B. Higgins, Gent., ed. 2, Lond. 1727, 8^{vo}. And a shrewd thing it is, sufficiently exposing the Bp. for his Lyes and Blunders.

As I take it, Bishop Burnet pretended to be a friend to the Non-jurors, only that he might do them the more mischief, as he used in his Characters one while to speak well of persons, & in other places to calumniate & abuse them all he could, on purpose that the world might think him impartial.

- 20 [Quotations from Higgins against Burnet and in favour of Dr. Hickes.]

Feb. 6 (Thur.). The Estate of Upwood in Huntingdonshire, a pretty good one, with a large and good Manor House, continued till very lately in the Possession of the family of the Phesaunts, but is now, by Inheritance, in the Hands of one of another Name; Mr. Jones thinks his name is Dacres.

'Twas the Bp. of London (Gibson) and Dr. Waterland, that advised Mr. Twells to reprint Dr. Pocock's comment on the Minor Prophets (with his Life never yet printed prefix to them) by Subscription.

- 30 Mr. Twells advertised his Design in the Evening Post of the 20th of August last, in which he made it his humble request to all who have any original Letter of his in their Custody, or Letters of his learned Correspondents to him, that they would be so good and generous to communicate them to his Bookseller in London, by which means they would come safe to his hands; but I have not heard that he met with any assistance by virtue of his advertisement.

opportunity I had to answer your most obliging, pathetic Letter, wherein you expressed a great concern for my health &c. And now I can acquaint you with the agreeable news that I have lived over thus much of the winter better than expectation.' Desires to know the name of the celebrated Vicar of Bray [see Diary, Feb. 7.]

Feb. 5, 1734. P. Harcourt to H. (Rawl. 7. 30) [see Diary, Feb. 9.]

Feb. 6, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 367). 'I am just now informed that you are very much indisposed, which gives me the greatest concern. I beg if you are recovered you will let me know by next post and command me in anything here that may prove of ease or service to you. I hope you have Dr. Frewin's advice which I take to be as good as any in this Town or elsewhere.'

Feb. 7 (Fri.). Mr. Brome in a letter from Ewthington, which I received last night, tells me, that he fancys in his reading, he hath met with the name of the famous Vicar of Bray, but cannot recollect where; & it is slipt his memory. He hath searched what Books he hath, where most likely to be found, to no purpose. He observes that in my Leland Vol. V pag. 115, the Vicar of Bray, without the name, is mentioned. Notwithstanding he believes I might have enquired out his name; which he says my vicinity afforded me a fair opportunity to do. If I do know his name, he prays me to tell it him, as soon as I can.

N.B. I do not remember, ever to have heard the name of that famous 10 vicar. Nor indeed did I make any enquiry after it, when I was upon Leland, judging it enough to take notice of him without his name, the proverb occasioned by his compliance being notorious enough. I intend to endeavour to get the names of the vicars of that place, & so by comparing them with the time perhaps his name may be learned.

Feb. 8 (Sat.). Holy David and his old English Translators cleared; London, 1700, 8vo. The Author Mr. Johnson, as I am told (tho' his name be not to it) that wrote the *Vade Mecum*.

The old English Translation of the Psalter is certainly preferable to the new & that was the reason of its being retained by the Convoca- 20 tion after the restauration. The said Psalter is part of that Bible, which is called Hen. VIII's Bible, in translating and publishing which, three men were chiefly concerned, William Tindall, John Rogers, and Miles Coverdale.

This old English Psalter 1st published with the rest of the Bible anno 1535 and dedicated to Hen. VIII by Dr. Coverdale, and was called [Tindall & Coverdale's Bible] because it was well known, that the former had a share in the Performance, as well as the latter.

Anno 1539 there was another Edition of it with Alterations, begun at Paris, and afterwards finished at London. Dr. Coverdale had the 30 care and inspection of this edition committed to him. This is that which was called [the Great Bible] and the Psalter now used in our Liturgy is according to this edition, without any observable Variations, except in the Spelling. Mr. Rogers in the year 1537 put out an edition of this Bible under the borrowed name of Thomas Matthews, with an Index and Notes, and another in 1551 which (saith Mr. Johnson in his Preface) I have seen. These several editions do so agree in the main, that one cannot justly call them distinct Translations, and yet in many particulars they differ from one another.

Yesterday (Feb. 7) at two Clock afternoon was a Convocation, to 40

Feb. 7, 1734. H. to W. Brome (Rawl. 110. 64, *imperfect*). 'I am extremely glad that you are much better than you were when you wrote last. However you complain of pain and I [also h]ave to observe, that I have reason likewise to complain of [h]aving for some time been much afflicted with it, which is [] distemper, that goes about in various shapes and colours. [], I have not been sick, but have had nevertheless a very [] pain, sometime by way of strangury, sometime of Gravel, [] by way of the Piles. I do what I can to wear it off, but [] God's good pleasure.' Does not know the name of the Vicar of Bray.

dispose of a Parsonage in the West of England, fallen to the University by the Patron's being a Roman Catholic. Candidates Mr. Creed, very lately Vice-Principal of Edmund Hall, now schoolmaster of Northleach & Mr. Glover, chaplain of Christ Church. Mr. Glover got it by about 20, Mr. Creed having (as I hear) 82, Mr. Glover 102. Creed had stood 3 times before for a thing of the same nature in the University Gift, but missed every time.

Feb. 9 (Sun.). My old Acquaintance Dr. Thomas Girdler, who was of Wadham College, is married to the eldest daughter of the late Sir
10 Constantine Phipps.

Mr. Doucett, mentioned in Clarendon, married one Mrs. Berry of Charlton in the County of Surry, and he died either there, or at Wimbledon in the same County, and perhaps may be registered in one of those Church Books.

Mr. Philip Harcourt tells me by Letter from the Inner Temple of the 5th inst. that he hath wrote about that affair, but that they know not, whether Doucett was registered at either Place. Mr. Harcourt knows no one at either Place, otherwise he would have endeavoured to have gotten me some Information.

20 **Feb. 10 (Mon.).** Mr. Baker hath the Libellus Sophistarum, with this Inscription at the end:—*Explicit Libellus Sophistarum ad usum Cantabrigien. : Londoniis pervigili cura impressus per me Wynandum de Worde, in vico Anglice nuncupato The Fletestrete ad Intersignium Solis commorantem ; anno domini M CCCCC decimo, die vero septima mensis Septembris ;*
4^{to}. Bishop Fell had a design of reprinting it, and I have the Transcript he procured for that end by me. I told Mr. Baker of this, who thereupon wrote 'Had Bishop Fell reprinted it, it might possibly have been read, as much as Ioh. Scot Erigena de Divisione Nature, publisht by the same Person.'

30 N.B. Dr. Gale was the Editor of Erigena, auspiciis Felli.

Feb. 11 (Tu.). Bishop Stillingfleet had but a mean opinion of Bishop Burnet, as may appear from a posthumous volume of Tracts in 8^{vo} of Bp. Stillingfleet's, just now published by his son James Stillingfleet D.D., Dean of Worcester.

Last night at 7 Clock died Mrs. King, a widow woman, aged about 70, at the Angel Inne in St. Peter's parish in the East Oxford, which she hath

Feb. 11, 1734. H. to Mr. Bowler at New College (Rawl. 39. 160).
'One Mince, a chorister, and two or three more boys, all of your school, as I am told, have very lately, several times, twice upon two different Sundays, very much insulted and abused me at Edmund Hall, where I reside. I cannot imagine what induced them to do it; but it was so very indecently, that the last time, which was last Sunday, it was noted by some neighbours, who esteemed it as a thing hardly heard of. I was the more affected with this rudeness, because I was then, as I am still, confined by a long indisposition. I have a great and good opinion of your care and skill in the management of a school, and for that reason I doubt not but you will punish this fault as it deserves. I go not abroad for the reason I mentioned; otherwise I had waited on you myself.'

kept many years. Her husband Mr. King, who with her kept the same Inne, hath been dead many years. It is above 30 years since they first lived in it. They always had very great business, and so hath she, being looked upon as very honest people. She had a former husband, who died very young, at sea, as I have heard, he being (it seems) a mariner. By the first husband she had a daughter, who hath been dead a great many years. She hath left only one child, viz. Mr. Edward King, a single man near fourty years old, whom she had by her second husband.

Bishop Stillingfleet's book is thus intit.:—Miscellaneous Discourses on ¹⁰ several Occasions, by the Rt. Rev. Edward Stillingfleet D.D., late Lord Bp. of Worcester; London, 1735, 8^{vo}. At the beginning is printed in 4 pages, Extract of a letter from [Dr. John Hough] the Lord Bp. of Worcester to Dr. [James] Stillingfleet, upon his reading in MS. the Tracts contained in this volume.

No. 28 of the said Discourses is intit.:—A Sermon, not preached by my falling Ill; designed for the Thanksgiving Day, A. D. 1694. It was, it seems, to render infeigned¹ thanks to Almighty God, for the Preservation and Safe Return of his Majesty &c. It is a poor latitudinarian thing. He is angry at the Nonjurors, because they would not ²⁰ joyn with the Jurors in their Prayers. He is for praying for all Governours, resolving all into Providence. Oliver Cromwell therefore ought to be prayed for, when he was at the Helm.

He condemns the Nonjurors for Separatists. But they were indeed, & so are still, quite otherwise, as keeping steadily to the old Church of England. The Jurors and Complyers are the Separatists, who divide from it, & act otherwise than the old Church of England Principles direct.

Feb. 12 (Wed.). In Hen. VIII's time there was a fair stone Bridge at Henley; also at Maidenhead; as may appear from p. 782 of Dr. ³⁰ Boarde's Peregrination, that I have printed at the end of Benedictus Abbas.

Mr. Baker told me, in his Letter of Mar. 13, 1730, from Cambridge, that what I said in one of mine to him, is very true. *It has been said, there have been 30,000 scholars in the University of Oxford,* and he adds *I should be willing to believe it, could I find room for them.* He adds,

In an Account of the number of Inhabitants in the town of Cambridge, as given in, to the Bp. of Ely (by order) July 17, 1728, the summe total amounts to 6008. And the number of Students &c. may be near the same as with you, ⁴⁰ not so many. And yet I have been told that Adams (Author of the Index Villaris) by computing the number of Chimneys, found there were more at Cambridge than at Oxford, & I am fully satisfyed, both Towns are now more populous than they were some hundred years ago. Dublin has been supposed

Feb. 12, 1734. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 16. 37). Repeats a question sent on Dec. 7 [see Diary, Feb. 20.]

¹ sic.—ED.

to contain more People than any Town in England, except London, & yet the number has been computed at 30,000. Whoever goes into this Opinion must suppose the suburbs of Oxford to have been twice or thrice as large as the City.

Feb. 13 (Thur.). Ps. cxxvii. 6 'they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.' *Gate* here signifieth *way*, a word now used for *way* in the North of England, tho' not noted by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Ainsworth was as Learned a Man, as any that ever dissented from 10 the Church of England; Johnson's *Holy David* &c. p. 16.

Mr. Carte was well acquainted with Mr. William Oldisworth, & can give an account of him. Mr. Carte was much retired at Enfeld, to carry on his work of the Ormond family.

Mr. Gandy's study was not voluminous, except as to pamphlets, of which he had inherited from many of his friends. Mr. George Smith of Durham bought all the pamphlets relating to the controversies about the Revolution, and Dr. Rawlinson has his MSS.

Dr. Rawlinson sent lately to the V. Chancellor, Dr. Holmes, some curiosities for the University, to be placed in the Museum or Anatomy 20 School he cared not which. The V. Chancellor preferred the Museum.

Cambridge refused a copy of the records, relating to the new Consecrations, a place in their library. My friend Mr. Baker is very urgent, that they should be put in Lord Oxford's, but I am told this is so nice a point, that it requires some consideration.

I asked Dr. Rawlinson, whether the superiors of the Nonjurors countenance any in going to sermons at the publick Churches, to which the Dr. answers (in his letter of Dec. 10 from London) not to his knowledge, but the contrary, as they frequently supply themselves their congregations in that point with dores shut, and avoid all Politicks.

30 Mr. Gandy was buried in St. Pancras Church, as was formerly Mr. Collier. It was done the rather here as the Curate was well known to some of the Nonjurors, and it was feared the Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, in which he died, would not have permitted him to be buried according to his own desire.

Feb. 14 (Fri.). Mrs. King of the Angel Inne was buried yesterday Feb. 13 in the afternoon very decently in St. Peter's churchyard in the East. She was said upon her Coffin to be 67 years of age, but she was (as I have heard) about 70.

Dr. Middleton (who was of Merton College) after his being elected 40 Rector of St. Peter's Cornhill, made a speech of thanks, which is printed, affected stuff. He was instituted on Friday Dec. 6 last, and was, contrary to all expectations, received with much civility by Bishop Gibson; but the bishop being a true Courtier, his behaviour is to be little regarded.

Bishop Gibson, standing stiff against Dr. Rundle's promotion to the see of Gloucester, in opposition to the Lord Chancellor of England (who was very warm for Rundle) Martin Benson was thereupon made Bishop,

Dr. M.¹ of Cambridge having declined it. But this is an observation I have made before. The Chancellor is very much vexed at this Disappointment, *as it seems* (they are the words of a friend, who wrote to me on Dec. 10 last) *he promised his brother the great pluralist to provide for him, if ever in his power.*

Mr. Twells (who hath proposed to publish Dr. Pocock's Life &c.) was of Jesus College Cambridge, but last summer received a diploma of M.A. from Oxford, is well esteemed at London, and thought very sufficient for what he undertakes.

Feb. 15 (Sat.). John Johnson M.A., vicar of Cranbrook in the Diocese 10 of Canterbury was (I think) a Cambridge Man. Quaere of what college, and when he died? He was a very learned man, and a good writer, and honest. He hath written & published (1) The Clergyman's *Vade Mecum* in two volumes. (2) A Collection of all the Ecclesiastical Laws, Canons, Answers or Rescripts, with other Memorials concerning the Government, Discipline, and Worship of the Church of England from its first Foundation to the Conquest, that have hitherto been published in the Latin and Saxon tongues; in two volumes. (3) The Psalter or Psalms of Holy David, according to the Translation used in Common Prayer Book with Explanatory Notes &c. (4) The Propitiatory Oblation in the Holy 20 Eucharist, truly stated & defended &c. (5) The Unbloody Sacrifice and Altar unveiled and supported &c. in two Parts. (6) An Admonition to the unbaptized &c. (7) The Case of Occasional Days & Prayers &c. at the end of his Abridgment of the Case of a Rector refusing to preach a Visitation Sermon at the Archdeacon's Command &c. London, 1721, 8vo. The said Rector was Mr. George Huntley, rector of Stourmouth near Sandwich in the Diocese of Canterbury, & the Archdeacon was Dr. William Kingsley, Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Quaere what else he hath written.

He wrote the Case of Occasional Days & Prayers at K. George I's 30 Accession to the Throne, when Mr. Johnson refused to read these Prayers, declaring that they were to be read only as enjoined by his Superiors and not as offered to God. So himself in Sect. XIII p. 80 of the Case.

Page 42 of the said Abridgment Mr. Huntley hath these words:— 'Should be? Nay, my Lord, they are, they are all excommunicated by a double Excommunication *ipso facto*. To be excommunicated *ipso facto* is to be excommunicated by a Law made, or a Sentence passed before hand, without the Ministry of Man intervening after the Criminal Fact, as Lyndwood saith, Lib. I, de offic. archidiaconi'. At the end Mr. 40 Johnson hath published some Addenda to his *Vade Mecum*, in p. 103 of which he says this:—'I dont wonder that Divines mistake in this Point, when the Practitioners in our Courts have dropped not only the old practice, but the very notion of an *ipso facto* censure. But our temporal Courts, tho' they first took the Term from the Ecclesiastical Lawyers, have preserved the true Meaning of it. They deny any Sentence to be necessary, when an *ipso facto* Deprivation is incurred. I am not at all

¹ i. e. Mawson.—ED.

sorry that our Ecclesiastical Courts have lost the true Notion of an *ipso facto* Excommunication, but rather wish, that there had never been any such thing. I judge it abundantly sufficient for any Clergyman to justify himself for refusing to bury the Corps of a Dissenter, to allege the Maxim of the Canon Law, *Quibus non communicavimus vivis, nec communicamus defunctis.*'

Feb. 16 (Sun.). Mr. Baker was not apprised, till I told him, that B. Hoadley was the Author of *Bp. Burnet's Life.*

He says in his Letter from Cambridge Feb. 13, 1734, there can be no doubt, but Dr. Hickes was the Author of *Some Discourses on Burnet and Tillotson.* Mr. Baker hath both the Discourses and the Bishop's Answer, and is satisfied there are mistakes on both sides. I believe so too, yet am inclined to think there are no wilfull ones on Dr. Hickes's side.

As to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Baker observes to me that I know the Archbishop (Sancroft) lodged his last Trust with him, viz. Archbishop Laud's Papers, and delivered 'em in his death bed, to be published by him, as you find, in the Preface. This is true, & yet the Archbishop, as I have been fully told, did not (after Mr. Wharton's compliance) in other respects admit him to so close a familiarity & in so endearing a manner as he had formerly.

But what think you, saith Mr. Baker, of another Bishop, Barlow, I presume, as far as I can collect from internal Characters? You have seen some Miscellaneous Discourses of Bp. Stillingfleet, published by his Son. The first is a letter from a Bishop, who being weary of his Bishoprick, intended to resign, after a rash vow to be determined by Lots, which being given out after fasting & prayer, the Lot fell for Resignation. Whoever he was, he seems to have been a weak man, & Dr. Stillingfleet treats him as such.

I have indeed seen and perused the said Discourses, but I did not read the first, because I did not know who the Bishop was. The Discourses are those mentioned above, in which there is a Sermon, a latitudinarian weak one, as indeed I thought that there was not much in any of the Discourses, at least I thought they did not deserve so great a value as Bishop Hough puts upon them, and yet I am altogether against any manner of simoniacal contracts, which are too much in fashion.

Feb. 17 (Mon.). The Princess Sobieski, wife of the Chevalier de St. George, being dead, she was interred in the Church of the Vatican at Rome on the 23rd of January last N.S. (which was Sunday Jan. 12 with us) having lain in state for publick view in the Church of the Apostles,

Feb. 17, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 27 C. 368). 'It was with great satisfaction I heard from your own hands of your Recovery, which I pray the Almighty Healer long to preserve. Dr. Tanner tells me, it was some degree of the Gravel. If so, you must use yourself to suck Whitewine & oily medicines, which tho' they will not effect an absolute cure, will render the distemper less painful. Syrup of Marsh Mallowses and Parsley water, when the fit is upon you with warm Broth will give you the greatest Ease.' [see

the Body being clothed in the Habit of the Nuns of St. Dominick, having a Crown on its Head, and over the Habit a Royal Mantle.

The Chevalier waited on his Holiness the next Day to return him Thanks for the Honours he had done his Lady; and the Pope begged her Heart, which 'tis thought he designs to enclose in a Gold Box, and send into Silesia to Prince Sobieski her Father. So the Prints.

She was born on July 12, 1703, O.S., according to an account I have; so she was not quite 32 years old; but other say she was born on July 6, 1702, O.S.

The Piece Mr. Baker told me of concerning printing, will be shortly published by Dr. Middleton, who deduceth the Origin from William Caxton, whom my Leland styles *Prototypographus Angliae*. Mr. Baker says (in his letter of Feb. 13) that we shall have Copies enough at Oxford, & he leaves me to make my own Judgment upon it.

I had guessed that Dr. Middleton was Author, before Mr. Baker told me, because (as I remember) when, a few years since, he was here at Oxford with the Earl of Oxford, he spoke of the Topick of printing, & offered reasons why he thought *Rufinus de Fide* was not printed at Oxford, notwithstanding 'tis expressly said in the book that 'twas printed there. Nor did I ever hear of any one before, that suspected it to be a cheat. I am sure, I have no such suspicion.

Mr. Baker knows of no Sermons preached or printed at Cambridge on St. Cecilia's day, nor does he believe there were any. He is told there is a Meeting of the Quires of Worcester, Gloucester & Hereford Cathedrals annually on that day, and a Sermon preached: That, he says, you must have heard, if any such be.

Dr. Newcome, Margaret Professor of the Univ. of Cambridge, is chosen Master of St. John's College in that University. He is known at Oxford, where he was incorporated at our late Act, & so we and Cambridge share in that Honor.

Feb. 18 (Shrove Tuesday). I have just now perused:—Philosophical Experiments and Observations of the late Eminent Dr. Robert Hooke F.R.S., published by W. Derham F.R.S.; London, 1726, 8^{vo}.

On p. 217 is a copy of the account which Dr. Wallis gave to Dr. Bernard, one of the Delegates for Printing, by a Messenger sent from Oxford for that purpose, the Delegates having agreed to be determined by his Opinion in the Case at Serjeants Inn in Fleet Street, Jan. 23, 1691. 'Tis a letter written to Dr. Bernard by Dr. Wallis.

On p. 300 is Dr. Tho. Smith's letter to Dr. Halley, June 12, 1695, concerning Mr. Greave's Observations in Egypt. It contains Excerpta out of Mr. Greaves note book. I think I have many more things (among Dr. Tho. Smith's Papers) of the same nature.

I have a MS. Copy of Dr. Wallis's letter abovesaid about the printing at Oxford, with many other MS. papers of the same nature, among which

Diary, Feb. 25]. 'Be carefull, I beseech you, my Good friend, of your good health, and do not think you can undergo the same fatigues of study and exercise your younger years could with pleasure sustain'.

are divers other things of Dr. Wallis, all which I must at some time or other print.

Feb. 19 (Ashwednesday). Inquire when 'twas Mr. John Richardson, Bach. of Div. who wrote in English a book against Toland, died. I am told he was a Nonjuror and ejected from a Living about the time Mr. Baker was ejected his. See at the end of Kettlewell's Life, which I have not. He was a learned man. Since his death came out *Prelectiones Ecclesiasticae triginta novem*, a Joanne Richardson, S.T.B., voluminibus duobus; London, 1726, 8^{vo}.

- 10 There are many good remarks in this work, tho' I cannot approve of some things in it, particularly of his making Josephus's Testimony for our Saviour to be spurious.

In p. 244, taking notice of the diplomata of Hen. II and Edw. III to the Abbey of Glastonbury, as mentioned by Stowe & Speed, he speaks of both these men as of but mean skill in affairs of that nature. I allow it, Stow and Speed were not very learned men, yet they (particularly Stow) had excellent skill in affairs of this kind, as being a subject they were much versed in, & I do not know, but they were (in that affair) more proper Judges than Mr. Richardson himself.

- 20 **Feb. 20 (Thur.).** Mr. Rawlins of Pophills, in his Letter of Dec. 7, 1734, says he shall be obliged to me, if I will give him a succinct history of Samuel Chapell alias Grater, who formerly lived in Oxford. He holds a Grater in his hand, according to the Representation of him, but for what reason, Mr. Rawlins says he knows not.

- I knew this S. Chapell very well. I have heard it said that he was once of Lincoln College in Oxford, and afterwards for some time at Cambridge, but took a degree at neither place. I have likewise heard, that when he was young, he held forth as a Presbyterian teacher, and that he received Injuries from one Hugh Hutchins, which made him crazed, & so
30 he continued crazed ever after, but he was for the most part a very sensible man, and would talk admirably well upon any Topick in Logick and Philosophy. He lived many years in Oxford after he became crazed, & died above 20 years since in Magdalen Parish (as I remember) and was buried there very decently by contributions. He was an innocent, harmless, honest, poor man & much respected. He was very temperate both in eating and drinking. He would not exceed (at least he would very rarely exceed) a farthing bread and a farthing beer, & if any one offered him above an halfpenny in money, he would return the rest very gratefully, & declare against their giving him more than a farthing or an
40 halfpenny. He always grated his bread, carrying with him a grater for that purpose. Thence he was commonly known by the name of S. Grater. He was upwards of 70 when he died. He was a West Country man; if I mistake not, of Somersetshire. He used to carry his books about him upon his back in a sack, & would often sit down upon old timber that lay in the way, & would there read and write. I have often seen him sitting & reading and writing so. He had abundance of books by him when he died of his own handwriting, but most of the writing being short hand (which he used himself to) they would not be of much use; however as they were, they were greedily caught at by

several, who admired his philosophical, innocent, abstemious course of life.

Mr. Cole, the Nonjuror, who lives at Cornbury is 87 years of age.

Feb. 21 (Fri.). Mr. Edward Lye, vicar of Little Houghton in Northamptonshire, some time ago met with an old, but imperfect at the beginning MS. of Cookery, partly parchment and partly paper. It was written, as I take it, about the reign of Hen. IV. Mr. Lye gave it me on Jan. 15, 1733.

Feb. 22 (Sat.). Mr. Lye at the same time gave me 'Hore beate Marie virginis secundum usum insignis ecclesie Sarum; Londoni, cum privilegio'. 'Tis commonly called a Primer; for at the end 'Imprinted at London by the assynges of John Wayland, forbidding all other persons to print or cause to be printed, this prymer or any other in englysh or in latin.'

At the same time Mr. Lye sent me a MS. Gothic Grammar, of his own composition, which I perused and then returned, and advised him to consult his Diocesan Dr. Robert Clavering, Bp. of Peterborough, who is a linguist, and at the same time he might get him to shew it Bp. Tanner, Mr. Lye having a desire that Tanner should see it, tho' it was not quite finished, there being (he said) some things to be added, and others to be transplac'd; but however, such as it is, the perusal of it will, he thought, remove most of the difficulties, which before offered themselves to the reader of the Greek Testament. Mr. Lye gave me leave of altering the Latin as I pleased, he fearing that disuse, and no great niceness in the writing, would make it stand in need of correction. But I altered nothing, not taking upon me to be a Judge.

Feb. 23 (Sun.). Just come out:—Concio ad Synodum ab Archiepiscopi commissariis, episcopis & clero provinciae Cantuariensis celebratam, habita in ecclesia cath. D. Pauli, London', die 24 Januarii 1734-5, a Sam. Lisle S.T.P., archidiacono Cantuariensi.

This Lisle is Prolocutor of this Convocation, being chosen upon Dr. Waterland's declining to.

The Sermon is full of flattery, mightily commending K. George his present Majesty, as he is stiled. He speaks much in favour of Dissenters from the Church of England, whom he would have countenanced.¹

Feb. 25 (Tu.). 'Such as are inclined to Gravel, must use themselves to suck Whitewine and oily Medicines, which tho' they will not effect an absolute Cure, will render the distemper less painfull. Syrrup of Marsh-mallow and Parsley water, when the fit is upon you, with warm broth will give you the greatest ease.'

Mr. West in his letter of the 17th inst. from the Inner Temple tells me, he had a little before been fetcht to Sacomb in Hartfordshire, by a messenger, to our honest friend John Murray. He is in a very

¹ At the end of the volume, 'Feb. 23, died of a mortification Mr. Blea of the Gravel Walk in St. Peter's parish in the East Oxon victualler; buried at Isley, he being born at Littlemore'.

declining way, occasioned by a slow fever, acquired by overheating his blood in his last walk from London thither, which is looked upon as 20 miles.

Mr. West tells me at the same time that Lord Oxford (to whom he mentioned my Memorandums) hath not the least recollection of the Br. of Cephalonia's book, nor ever saw any more than Mr. West himself, the book from whence I quoted it.

I wrote today to Mr. West, & desired to know of him what is become of Sir Philip Sydenham, whether he be dead or living, and if dead when
10 he died & where he was buried.

Feb. 26 (Wed.). Mr. Richardson, in p. 57 of the second volume of his *Prellections*, quotes (but from Usher) John of Tinmouth, as a good author, about Kentigern.

Ib. p. 94 he quotes Fordun, perhaps from what Dr. Gale printed of him. For I believe Mr. Richardson never saw a MS. of him, unless he might by chance see that at Cambridge, which however is but a very dim, & therefore, as it were, a useless book.

Indeed he does not seem to have used either a MS. of Fordun, or Dr. Gale's printed copy; for in p. 99 he cites Fordun again and there refers
20 us to Usher for his voucher.

Feb. 27 (Thur.). Mr. Cole the Nonjuror died at Cornbury near Woodstock, as I am told, on Sunday last Feb. 23, aged 87 (as his son, a Physician at Richmond, said 'tother day in Oxford, just before his father's death, but others say 88). He died of a mortification in his foot.

About 3 weeks since died of a lingering distemper, the Rev. Mr. John Thomson M.A., rector of Cowes in the Isle of Wight, and Minister of Maidenhead in Berks. He was formerly fellow of Queen's College in Oxford, as a member of which he took the degree of M.A. June 23, 1671.
30 He died at Maidenhead, where he lived, and hath left a widow behind him.

Mr. Edward Lye above mentioned, hath got the first edition of Velleius Paterculus, published from the only MS. that is to be found of that author. 'Tis in folio, and very fair.

Feb. 28 (Fri.). My Uncle William Hearne took the author of *Wits Commonwealth*, a most noted book (of which there are abundance of impressions) to be Sir Philip Sydney, and for ought I know he judged right, and yet he is the very first, that I know of, that entertained such a notion. I find his remark in these words, at the beginning of the 17th
40 edition, which I have, having once been my uncle's book:—Will. Hearne, his book, anno 1679, cost 6d. The Authore of this Booke I take to bee the famous Sir Phillipe Sidney who lived in the time of Queen Elizabeth and dyed in the Lowe Countrey warr, anno 1586, a pious, wise and valiant knight.

'A Sermon preached at the Cathedral Church of Norwich, Dec. 3, 1702, being a day appointed for Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the signal successes vouchsafed to Her Majesty's Forces by Sea and Land: by Humphrey Prideaux D.D., Dean of Norwich.' Printed in

1716. There is a former edition of this sermon; for on the back of the Title is:—'Norwich, at the Court of Mayoralty held Dec. 5, 1702, ordered, that Michael Beverley Esq. and Edward Clerk Esq. be desired to wait on Mr. Dean of Norwich, and return him the thanks of this Court for his Excellent Sermon on Dec. 3, and that they acquaint him, it is the earnest request of this Court that he will please to order the same may be printed.'

Tho' the Court called it an excellent Sermon, yet 'tis sad, stupid, vile stuff, as indeed Prideaux was at best but a wretched Preacher.

Mar. 1 (Sat.). Mr. Lye, in his letter from Little Houghton of Feb. 18 10 last, tells me, that he is so much in love with the study of antiquities, that as he hath read one or two, so he doubts not but he shall read the rest of the Books, I have obliged the world with (that is his expression) as soon as they fall into his hands, with the greatest pleasure. It seems Mr. Lye's circumstances are very narrow, otherwise (he says) he should be extremely glad to encourage and promote my entertaining studies.

Just come out 'Nineteen sermons, by John Rogers D.D., late Vicar of St. Giles Cripplegate; to which is prefixed the Author's Life, with an Elogium written by John Burton, B.D., Fellow of Eton College.' London, 1735, 8^{vo}.

The said Elogium, which is in Latin, was before published by itself. But Mr. Burton having a great opinion of it, tho' it be but mean, took occasion to prefix it to these Sermons, and there is no one doubts too that he wrote the Life which is prefixed, it being notwithstanding in English of the same drift with the Elogium and but indifferent.

Dr. Rogers was born at Ensham in Oxfordshire, A.D. 1679; his father was vicar of that Parish and Rector of Wick-Rissington in Gloucestershire, a very worthy Clergyman. He was bred up at New College School in Oxford, under Mr. Badger. In Jan. 1693 he was elected Scholar of C.C.C. and Fellow in April 1706, in the place of Mr. Edmund Chishall. 30 He died at London on May 1. 1729, in the 50th year of his age and was buried in the Parish Church of Ensham on Tuesday May 13.

Mar. 2 (Sun.). Mr. Lye observed justly enough in his Letter above mentioned of Feb. 18 last that 'tis obvious to every one, the least conversant in our ancient writers, that the knowledge of the English-Saxon is of absolute use to the Antiquary; since there are variety of difficulties will offer themselves, that cannot easily be solved without a tolerable skill in that tongue. For which reason this last winter he employed some hours in that Study, by which (he says) he hath acquired such an acquaintance with the Language of our Forefathers, 40 as hath enabled him to discover a thousand mistakes, if not downright blunders in most of those translations from thence, which he hath met with, particularly in the last Edition of the Saxon Laws, of which, he dares presume to say, that the version in numberless places is vastly distant from the sense of the original.

[Instances given.]

Mar. 2, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 70) [see Diary, Mar. 5, 6, 7.]

He finds, that as I observed formerly, Thwaites's Grammar is not full enough. For he hath been able to make large additions to it almost in every page. As for Mr. Elstob's he says 'tis in a manner no more than a translation of Thwaites's.

Mar. 3 (Mon.). Mr. John Hickes, executed in the west for taking part in Monmouth's Rebellion, was brother of the religious, learned and loyal Dr. George Hickes. See a book called 'A new Martyrology, or The Bloody Assizes,' London, 1689, ed. 3, p. 57. He was a Non-conformist. He was executed Oct. 6, 1685.

- 10 There is lately come from abroad, tho' I have not seen it, a large account of the death and burial of the Princess Sobieski, with very many inscriptions on her Catafalco or extemporary Mausoleum, an excellence the Italians are very happy in.

Dr. Rawlinson hath had a present made him of a Diary of good part of the life of one Dr. Drake, Canon Resident and Treasurer of Salisbury, who died in 1680. He was a considerable sufferer from the long Parliament, and is not mentioned by Dr. Walker. 'Tis partly wrote in Latin, partly in English.

- The Royal Society at London are very liberal in their admissions, tho' 20 some worthy Gent. are endeavouring, and not unsuccessfully, to put a stop to them.

- Dr. Conyers Middleton, of Cambridge, hath just written and put out a twelvepenny Pamphlett in English, to prove Caxton the first Printer in England; and makes the *Rufinus De Fide* printed in Oxford anno 1468, to be a cheat, as if there were no such book then printed there, or at least if there were such a book printed there, he says, the date should be 1487. He runs down Adkins's Book about printing, as he does also the Register at Canterbury, making the Record to be a forgery, because the Register is now wanting. But his whole performance is 30 poor & mean, and tho' he endeavours to rob Oxford of an honour, that no one pretended to take from her, yet Middleton *detrahere ausus Haerentem capiti multi cum laude coronam*, hath plainly shewed that he envys us this glory, which no one need wonder at, that considers a much bolder stroke of his lately, which made a great noise, & very deservedly blasted his reputation, which was his book (for he is known to be the author, tho' his name be not to it) to prove that Moses was not an inspired writer. 'Tis certain, that Middleton is an ingenious man, but he soars at all; and considerable, very uncommon, must be the Genius that succeeds.

- 40 I hear that Bishop Benson resigned into Mr. Willis's hand Blechley, before his Consecration, and that Mr. Willis has left a presentation for his son (to be put in force next November, when he [the son] shall be of age) in Bishop Reynold's office. This was the *premium virtutis* to Bp. Martin¹ for his excellent instructions to the Fermour family, with whom he travelled; by his accepting the Bishopricks condition is hardly bettered, tho' he may be in the way of a translation, the general aim.

¹ i. e. Bishop Martin Benson.—ED,

Mar. 4 (Tu.). In September last (according to the Chronological Diary for 1734, which is printed at the end of the Historical Register for that year) died Mr. Cassels, in Newgate, who was one of the five who were committed to that Prison in 1695 for being concerned in the Plot for Assassinating the late King William, and continued there by Virtue of several Acts of Parliament. Mr. Blackburn and Major Bernardi are the only two surviving Prisoners on that Account.

Ibid. p. 30. In November last dyed in France the Lady Louise Rene de Penencouet de Querville, aged 88. She came to England 1670, with the Dutchess of Orleans, the French King's sister. King 10 Charles II was so taken with her Beauty and graceful Deportment, that he created her Dutchess of Portsmouth, Countess of Farnham, and Baroness of Petersfield in the County of Southampton in 1673, during life; and by his Intercession with Lewis XIV the Territory of Aubigny in France, which by the Death of Esme Stuart, Duke of Lenox, reverted to that Crown, was given her. King Charles had by her only one Son, Father to the present Duke of Richmond and Lenox, to whom the Dukedom of Aubigny in France, and other large estates, descend by her Death.

'Certain Queries, proposed by Roman Catholicks, and answered by 20 Dr. Walter Raleigh, Dean of Wells, and Chaplain in Ordinary to the Royal Martyr King Charles I. With a Prefatory Account of the Author by Laurence Howell, A.M.'; London, 1719.

Mr. Howell (who was a worthy learned Nonjuror) in pag. xiv of his Preface, tells us that to do Justice to the World, he can assure, that the MSS. of these Queries and the Answers were handed faithfully to him by a Gentleman then [1719] living, who had them from a Gentlewoman on her Death-bed, whose name by Marriage was Farthing; her Husband being Grandson to Dr. Walter Raleigh.

Mr. Wood in Vol. II of his *Athenae* gives an account of this Dr. 30 Walter Raleigh, who was a very worthy, learned & loyal Divine, and was barbarously murdered for his Fidelity to K. Charles I; but he knew nothing of these Queries, and therefore says nothing of them.

Mar. 5 (Wed.). Remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether Mr. John Richardson was author of any other books, besides his English book about the Canon of Scripture against Hoadley, and his two Latin Volumes containing his Lectures, that he read in Emanuel College Chappel at Cambridge.

Mr. Baker is of my opinion that Bp. Stillingfleet's Miscellaneous Discourses, are the most posthumous Pieces, imperfect things, & do not deserve that pompous character. But he wishes I had told him who 40 that Bishop was, that made that rash vow; for if it were Barlow, as he can only guess, so it must he says be well known at Oxford. *The other Bishop*, Mr. Baker says, *no doubt was Sarum* [Gilbert Burnett] *who cannot always be defended, especially when he writes in hast.*

I had certainly sent Mr. Baker the name of the Bp., who made the rash vow, but that I do not remember to have ever heard the thing mentioned in Oxford, or any where else, and I was perfectly a stranger to it, till I saw it mentioned in Stillingfleet's posthumous Pieces.¹

¹ At the end of the volume, 'M^r. Philipps wife of M^r. Philipps, butler of Merton, VOL. XI.

Mar. 6 (Thur.). Mr. John Johnson was a very learned & worthy man. He presented Mr. Baker with two of his books viz. The Unbloody Sacrifice, and The Abridgment of Mr. Huntley's Case, which two books engaged him in a Controversy with his Superior, which cost him much trouble, & possibly his Life. Mr. Baker knows of nothing he has published, besides what I mentioned to him (which are those specified above), except an Epitaph for his Son, who was Fellow of St. John's College Cambridge & was presented by the University of Cambridge to the Rectory of Standish, Lancashire, a living of good value, which he enjoyed
10 a very short time.

The Father, J. J., was of Magd. College Cambridge, where he took the Degree of Bac. of Arts anno 1681. Removed thence to Corp. Christi College, where he proceeded M.A. 1685. The precise time of his death, Mr. Baker does not well remember. He married Dr. Jenkin's sister, & that brought his son to St. John's College, Dr. Jenkin being Fellow & then Master of that College.

The first time I took any particular notice of the foresaid Mr. John Johnson's writings was at the Lodgings of Dr. Arthur Charlett, late Master of University College, who shewed me Mr. Johnson's account of
20 occasional Prayers in MS., which I remember I took particular notice of, and that leading me to a further scrutiny about him, after I had perused some others of his writings, I began to have a great opinion of him, which continually encreased, and I am the more confirmed in it from what Mr. Baker hath told me of him.

Mar. 7 (Fri.). St. Andrew's Church Cambridge neither is, nor ever was, famous for a Ring of Bells, as Mr. Baker observes to me Mar. 2 from Cambridge. He says John Major must have been entertained with that Music from the Religious Houses. He adds, We had the 4 Orders of Fryers, all well built, especially the Franciscans & Augustins, both
30 pretty near to Christ's College.

The Assize Sermon before the Judges was preached yesterday morning at St. Marie's Oxford, by Mr. Fothergill of Queen's College.

Mar. 7, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 92). 'The note, I sent you, relating to the State of Affairs between your Brother and me, was nothing but the Copy of what I sent, with a Letter, to him on Mar. 2, 1724, and I take it for granted, that you found both (since his Death) among his Papers. I entered him as a Debtor for only 39 lbs. 7d., leaving it to his own choice, whether he would pay the other twenty five pounds ten shillings or not, just as he should find it suitable to himself, which is what I also thought I should say to you, only I find, that you are not willing there should be any relaxation, nay (it seems) you do not expect it. For this reason, I am the more obliged to you; so that since the matter is so, the 25 lbs. 10s. must be added to the 39 lbs. 7d. . . . You justly remark, that the Taste of the Town is very different from the Age of Sunderland, Somers &c. The remark will extend itself to other places. There is a continual decay, and I cannot see that it should be otherwise. I am sure I find a considerable decrease of friends, partly by death, partly by misfortunes; for which reason I must lessen the number of Copies I print.'

drowned herself. Found and taken up Thur. Mar. 13, 1734, & buried in the evening at St. John Baptist's church'.

In Standish Church Lancashire :—Joannes Johnson S.T.B. | Cantianus Coll. D. Joannis Cantab. | Soc. cui Senatus istius | Acad: hanc ecclesiam | unanimi suffragio dederunt | vix firmatum est ei hoc | Beneficium, cum ex fracto | crure periit V Id. Jan. | Anno Dom. MDCCXXIII, anno aetatis xxxiii.

Maternis lacrymis atque sororis | Tam chari Capitis fata dolentibus | Naturae arbitrio suus est Decor | At tu Gnate viris flebilis occidis | Virtutem et sacra jura colentibus | Nulli flebilior quam mihi bis Patri¹
[Jo. Johnson pater deflevit]

Mar. 8 (Sat.). Mr. James West calling upon me last night, told me¹⁰ that Dr. Jebb is about printing Mr. Bridges's Northamptonshire, by the encouragement of Dr. Mead, and that Dr. Jebb's wife is related to Dr. Mead.

He told me that Mr. Slyford, who was amanuensis to Mr. Willis and Mr. Bridges, assists Dr. Jebb in that Undertaking.

He told me that Sir Philip Sydenham is still living, but in mean circumstances, and in a very retired condition, in some small village in Hartfordshire.

He told me, that there is a Project for printing Junius's Glossary *linguarum septentrionalium* as well as his *Etymologicon linguae Anglicanae*.²⁰ And that Mr. Burton (who was lately of Corpus Christi College and is now Fellow of Eton College and Rector of Mapledurham) is a great promoter thereof.

Mar. 9 (Sun.). Remember to ask Mr. Baker, whether the Cambridge Edition of Catullus, Tibullus and Propertius, was not put out by the present Earl of Anglesey, when he was a member of the University of Cambridge, as I am told it was.

I have many things about Juliana Barnes's Book in letters, written to me by Mr. Baker of Cambridge, in one or two of which letters are divers things of Dr. Waterland's relating to that Book.³⁰

And indeed the said worthy Dr. took much pains on that account for my sake, at least for the sake of his and my friend Mr. Baker, who sent me copies of the Doctor's letters express, and in his own words.

I was told yesterday morning that Dr. Martin Benson wrote a letter to his couzin Brown Willis Esq., signifying that the King had offered him

Mar. 8, 1734. William Brome to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 19. 21). 'I hear Tom Hearne and Mr. John Murray are ill.'

Mar. 9, 1734. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 137). 'I have had a Diarrhoea for several months; the flux is now so troublesome, that I cannot retain my excrements but with great difficulty. A relaxation of the *Sphincter ani* is the occasion of it. I know not what to do to contract or constringe or bring it to due order, and must therefore beg your advice and direction. I am persuaded that were a stop put to this, I should be well, and be able to walk about again with ease, having no other distemper that I can perceive. I mentioned the case to my friend Mr. West yesterday morning when he was with me, who promised me to speak to you. I apply to you as the ablest friend I have.'

¹ Hearne has missed some words and spoilt the metre.—ED.

the Bishoprick of Gloucester, but that he refused it, and that thereupon it was offered to Dr. Mawson, who declined it, upon which the King sent for Dr. Benson, & offered it to him again, telling him that he must accept it, which at length he did. I can hardly credit this. [Yet it hath been confirmed to me since.]

'Tis certain however that tho' the Bp. of London obtained his aim in hindering Dr. Rundle from being Bishop of Gloucester, yet Rundle is since preferred to a far better Bishoprick, which is one in Ireland.

Mr. Whiston the Arian hath put out Proposals with a Specimen, 10 for printing a new Translation with notes and dissertations of the works of Fl. Josephus in English in Folio, which I doubt not but will be much encouraged, particularly by men of Arian, vile Principles.

Mar. 10 (Mon.). From the Weekly Miscellany by Ric. Hooker for Sat. Jan. 18, 1735. Numb. CX:—

Edinburgh, Jan. 6, 1734-5. On Friday night, Jan. 3, died here the Right Rev. Mr. John Gillan, who, as he was one of the highest order and dignity among the Episcopal Clergy of that Nation, so he was no less eminent for all those shining Qualities that adorn that Station and Character. He was one of the greatest Preachers of the Age, and endowed with an uncommon Stock of 20 Knowledge, not only in his own Profession, but in all the Branches of useful Learning; which, accompanied by a singular Modesty, Affability, Prudence and Evenness of Temper, and, above all, a solid and unaffected Piety, and Regularity of Life, rendered him highly esteemed by People of all Ranks and Persuasions, and now no less regretted. He was born in the year 1666, on the Feast of the Epiphany, the same on which he was this morning interred.

Mar. 11 (Tu.). Dr. Frewin bought an hundred libs. worth of books in History and Chronology soon after he was elected Camden Professor of History, on purpose to qualify him the better to discharge the office of that important Post.

30 **Mar. 12 (Wed.).** Yesterday a new attempt was made at New College by Oxford Ringers, to ring 6876 cator changes, but they did not succeed, as it was hoped they would. They began about half an hour after 12, and rang 'till a little after three in the afternoon. Being indisposed with a Diarrhoea, I could not go out to hear them, and so will not pretend to be critical about the ringing.

Dr. Arbuthnot the Physician, a Scottish man and learned, is dead at London, in the 66th. year of his age. He hath written & published many books.

Dr. Mangey, who is about an Edition of Philo Judaeus, is an in- 40 genious English writer and a good preacher, but his abilities for an Editor of ancient authors are, I find, much questioned. His Specimen, which came out many years agoe, was much found fault with, shewing him to be a very bad corrector, and little versed in affairs of this kind.

Mar. 11, 1734¹. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 137). Dr. Frewin has called to see H., and as he will be in London he will call on Dr. Mead to discuss H.'s case.

Mar. 13 (Thur.). The Ringers at New College, on Tuesday last, were the very same that rang at Christ Church the 5040 cator changes on Jan. 1, 1733 viz. (1) Hearne, a taylor, (2) Vickers 2nd Butler of New College, (3) George, a taylor, (4) Guy Terry, a Pot-ash maker in St. Clement's, (5) Yates cook of Magdalen College, (6) John Broughton barber, (7) Ric. Smith, glover, (8) Barnes 2nd cook of Christ Church, (9) Arthur Lloyd of Holywell carpenter, (10) Nicholas Benwell, who shews great Tom.

I am told by good Judges, that the ringing (excepting towards the beginning) was extraordinary good; but as I before observed, I could ¹⁶ not judge for myself, as I desired to do, & would have done, had I been in condition of doing it, and yet from what I heard at that distance I was from the bells, I did guess that they rang excellently well. 'Twas pity (and all were sorry) that they were baulked, which was occasioned by the rope's slipping some how or other out of Nich. Benwell's hands, who rang the Tenor, and (for ought I know) is as good a Tenorman as any in England.

Mar. 14 (Fri.). On the 12th inst. I received from Dr. Rawlinson some MSS. which he lends me, one of which is Dr. Drake's Diary, which (he says) I may make use of, tho' as to printing, his daughter ²⁰ now alive gave it him with a prohibition; there are indeed some puerilities which should not see the light.

As for my part, I had never any thoughts of printing that Diary, had not the Dr. mentioned the prohibition.

Mar. 15 (Sat.). Dr. Rawlinson takes the author of the Character of a primitive Bishop, to be one Pitt, formerly of St. John's College in Cambridge, and for many years a Nonjuror, 'ordained by Bishop Lloyd some years after the revolution, but apostatized, true Renegado like, abused his old friends, particularly Dr. Hickes in his book. It was remarkable that he was instituted into a benefice in Norwich ³⁰ diocese by *secundus* Patrick, tho' ordained after lay deprivation by the *primus* Bishop Lloyd, and no objection made to his orders, so sanguine in gaining a convert.'

Remember to ask Mr. Baker about this Pitt, and what else he hath written.

Mar. 16 (Sun.). Yesterday Mr. Timothy Thomas called upon me in his way from London to Wales. He had seen my Lord Oxford at

Mar. 14, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 93). Has received £20 10s. 7d.; so that the debt of Thomas Rawlinson is reduced to £44. [see Diary, Mar. 14 & 15]. 'I shall be very glad to read the account (you expect) of the Princess Sobieski. My book is very forward, but I cannot be hasty, being indisposed by a flux, to stop which I am undergoing fomentations. I am glad you gave me an opportunity of perusing the last part of *Bibliotheca Biblica*. . . . I find the author, or authors, of the Life have studied to make him a most compleat Heroe, without any notice of his being warped. By being thus warped, he forsook his old friends, not they him, whatever complaints he might make. I will acquaint Mr. Ball (when I see him) with what you say.'

Mar. 16, 173 $\frac{1}{2}$. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 138). Thanks Dr. Mead for

London, and said my Lord Oxford had something to say in reference to what I had observed of Humphrey Wanley in my Preface to the Chronicle of Dunstable, but he did not tell me what.

Mr. Oldisworth (commonly called Examiner Oldisworth) of Hart Hall died not long since (what I have observed before) at Carshalton in Surrey, when and where buried Dr. Rawlinson hopes to be informed, if his agent is not idle. The account of his works will not be so easy to procure.

At the beginning of the last part of *Bibliotheca Biblica* is an account of
 10 the Author Mr. Sam. Parker. I hear Dr. Heywood laid the plan, but, it seems, it has passed several hands, none of which have noticed the time of his death.

The booksellers and authors have in the House of Commons a bill for securing their property, but their scandalous, loose, and extravagant way of running every thing out in print will bring them under some difficulties. I am told Lord Ila, a man of learning, and one who has, and still reads, will be one of their obstacles.

This reforming Parliament is entring upon a regulation of Play Houses and Operas, but many think their reformation is too late thought
 20 of to take a due effect.

Dr. Hanbury (who died on the 27th past and was buried near Mr. Nelson in new burying ground of St. George's parish on Tuesday the 4th current) has left an hundred pounds to the Nonjuring Clergy, at the disposal of Mr. Blackbourne and Mr. Creyk. This Hanbury was a Glostershire man, bred at Baliol College, well acquainted with Mr. Brome, the Philippses &c., and leaving Oxford, took his degree of M.D. at Utrecht in 1705, where he published a very few copies of his Thesis, called them in again as well as he could, and except his own and one Dr. Rawlinson hath, Dr. Rawlinson believes another can't be found, at least in
 30 England. It was *de sterilitate mulierum*.

Mar. 17 (Mon.). From Dr. Rawlinson. On a large stone, within the nich of the wall of a Mausoleum in Lord Cobham's gardens at Stow, Bucks:—To the memory | of SIGNOR FIDO | an Italian of good extraction | who came into England | not to *bite* us like most of his Country men | but to gain an honest livelihood | He *hunted* not after fame | yet acquired it | Regardless of the praise of his friends | But most sensible of their love | Tho' he lived among the great | he neither learnt nor flattered any vice | He was no bigot | Tho' he doubted of none of the xxxix Articles | and if to follow nature | and to respect the laws of Society | Be
 40 philosophy | He was a perfect philosopher | a faithfull friend | an agreeable companion | a loving Husband | and tho' an Italian | was distinguished by a numerous offspring | all which he lived to see take good

his letter of Mar. 11; the fomentations ordered by Dr. Frewin have done no good so far.

Mar. 17, 1734. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 175). 'This waits on you in hopes to hear Dr. Mead's advice hath had the desired effect. I let him know of your Disorder and Relaxation of the *Sphincter Ani* but am very glad you informed him more fully yourself' [see Diary, April 1].

Courses | In his old age he retired | to the House of a Clergyman in the Country | where he finished his earthly *Race* | and died an Honour and example to the whole species | Reader | This Stone is guiltless of flattery | For he to whom it was inscribed | was not a man | but | A GREYHOUND.

Mar. 18 (Tu). The late Mr. Samuel Parker, after the rudiments of Learning at School, was removed to the University of Oxford, and placed in Trinity College under the Eye of Dr. Bathurst, the then President. Mr. Parker's printed pieces are, as mentioned in the account of him before the last *Bibliotheca Biblica*:—(1) Essay upon the Load Stone. A very ¹⁰ small piece, and long since out of print. (2) Essays Philosophical, Moral and Metaphysical (mentioned in the Account of his Life as proofs of his proficiency in Philosophy under his Tutor Dr. Sykes). (3) Paraphratical Translation of Homer's War between the Frogs and the Mice, the produce and Amusement of some leisure Intervals; mentioned there to show his Taste for Poetry. (4) *Silva* or Familiar letters upon Occasional Subjects, published by Mr. Parker, as appears by the date in the Dedication in the year 1700, being then about 22 years old. (5) Translation into English of Tully's Five Books *de finibus, or concerning the last object of Desire and Aversion*, published in 1702. (6) Abridgment of the ²⁰ Ecclesiastic Historians. In the first edition of which (published in the year 1703) Mr. Parker took the opportunity of Printing with it an answer to Mr. Bolde. The last edition was printed in 4^{to} in 1729 with considerable improvements and the addition of Evagrius Scholasticus abridged by a friend. (7) Translation into English of Tully of Old Age and Friendship, and of his Paradoxes and Scipio's Dream. This appeared first in print in the year 1704 and is mentioned after the Translation of Tully of Moral Ends as another Specimen of Mr. Parker's success in his Philosophical Studies. (8) *Censura Temporum*, or The good and ill Tendencies of Books, Sermons, Pamphlets &c. impartially considered. This was ³⁰ published by Mr. Parker in the year 1708, 9, and in the beginning of 1710. (9) *The Way to bring the World to Rights; or, Honesty the best Policy at all Times and in all Places*. This was published by Mr. Parker in the year 1711, and seems to have been as a Sequel to the *Censura Temporum*. (10) Essay on the Duty of Physicians and Patients. This (says the Account of Mr. Parker) seems to be a respectful Compliment to the Physicians and a handsom Vindication of the Dignity of the Profession. (11) Translation into English of Athanasius's Orations. (12) *Bibliotheca Biblica*; being a new Comment upon the five books of Moses, extracted from the ancient Fathers, and the most famous Critics ⁴⁰ both ancient and modern, with Occasional Annotations or Dissertations upon particular Difficulties, as they were very often called for. In 5 volumes quarto.

The MSS. Collections he has left are:—(1) A Collection of Observations on the New Testament. (2) An Index to the most ancient Fathers, consisting of References to and Passages extracted from them, upon the

Mar. 18, 1734. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 94) [printed in *Letters from Bodl.* II. 97]. 'We have just printed the Index to Benedictus.'

most important Points in Divinity, drawn out in an alphabetical form. (3) An Answer to Le Grand's Defence of Cartesius, written in Latin. (4) An Exercise upon Principles and Church Communion; being a Specimen of a collection of Essays upon religious subjects, entitled, Religious exercises upon several Subjects, with a Prayer at the end of each Meditation. (5) A large collection of Controversial Letters.

'His Acquaintance as he grew up was usually pretty large, especially among learned foreigners, who were generally recommended to him. His particular friends were not only those among the Nonjurors of the
10 first note and distinction, Dr. Hickes, Mr. Collier, Mr. Dodwel, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Nelson, Dr. Grabe &c. with all whom he maintained an intimate correspondence; but several persons very considerable for birth and fortune.'

The motto over Mr. Parker's picture engraved by Vertue is **KYPIOS ΠΟΙΜΑΙΝΕΙ ΜΕ.**

'He had from the beginning embraced the Principles of the Nonjurors, and, as he constantly observed a strict Uniformity in his Principles and Practice, he thought himself obliged to refuse those Advantages of Preferment which not only his Parts and Education seemed to entitle him to,
20 but which were actually offered to him. By this means, his own fortune being very small, the cares of a large family fell heavy upon him. But, however, as he has acknowledged, he wrote under the distresses of very narrow circumstances, so likewise has he frequently and thankfully remarked, that, as his old friends dropt off, God had been pleased to raise him up several new ones far beyond his expectation. He lived and died a faithful son of the Church of England, in which he had been carefully educated.'

Mar. 19 (Wed.). Mrs. Parker (the widow of the foresaid Mr. Samuel Parker) is 53 years of age, as her brother Mr. Richard Clements of
30 Oxford, bookseller, told me on Sunday last.

Some years ago came out a folio account of the Colleges and other publick buildings of the University of Oxford. Mr. Parker was said to be the author, and I took him really to be so, because he several times told me he was about such a thing, and this account came out some time after he had told me so, and 'twas designed to go along with the prints of the University habits. [N.B. Mr. Richard Clements, brother in law to Mr. Parker assured me on Good Friday, April 4, 1735, that Mr. Parker was the Author.]

Mar. 20 (Thur.). The Works of the Right Honourable Joseph
40 Addison Esq. were published at London in 4 Volumes in 4^{to}, 1721, by Mr. Tho. Tickell of Queen's Coll. Oxford with a print of Mr. Addison engraved by Mr. G. Vertue before them.

Joseph Addison, the son of Lancelot Addison D.D. and of Jane, the daughter of Nathaniel Gulston D.D. and sister of Dr. William Gulston, Bp. of Bristol, was born at Milston near Ambrosebury, in the county of Wilts, in the year 1671. His father, who was of the county of Westmorland and educated at Queen's College in Oxford, passed many years in his travels through Europe and Africa, and published several books. He was Rector of Milston above-mentioned, when Mr. Addison his eldest

son was born, and afterwards became Archdeacon of Coventry and Dean of Lichfield. Mr. Addison received his first education at the Chartreux, from whence he was removed very early to Queen's College in Oxford. He had been there about two years, when the accidental sight of a paper of his verses, in the hands of Dr. Lancaster, then Dean of that house, occasioned his being elected into Magdalen College. He first distinguished himself by his Latin compositions, published in the *Musae Anglicanae*, and was admired as one of the best authors since the Augustan age, in the two Universities, and the greatest part of Europe, before he was talked of as a Poet in Town. In his *Account of the greatest English Poets* 10 printed first in the *Miscellanies*, with other things of his, while he was young, in the close thereof he insinuates a design he then had of going into holy orders, to which he was strongly importuned by his father. But weighing the weightiness of the Office, he afterwards declined it. In his twenty eighth year he travelled into France and Italy, and afterwards published a book of his Travells, dedicated to his Patron the Lord Somers, Lord Chancellor of England. Upon the death of King William, he returned into England, and made the tour of Germany in his way home. He remained for some time, after his return to England, without any publick employment, which he did not obtain till after the year 1704, 20 when publishing his Poem called *The Campaign*, the Lord Treasurer Godolphin seeing and approving it, in a few days after bestowed on the Author, the place of Commissioner of Appeals, vacant by the removal of Mr. Locke to the council of Trade. His next advancement was to the place of Under Secretary, which he held under Sir Charles Hedges, and the Earl of Sunderland. His next step in his fortune, was to the post of Secretary under the late Marquess of Wharton, who was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1709. The salary of Keeper of the Records in Ireland being considerably raised, that post was bestowed upon him, at this time, as a mark of the Queen's favour. Upon the death of the late 30 Queen, the Lords Justices, in whom the administration was lodged, appointed him their Secretary. Soon after King George the first's arrival in Great Britain, the Earl of Sunderland being constituted Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Mr. Addison became a second time Secretary for the affairs of that kingdom; and was made one of the Lords Commissioners of Trade, a little after his Lordship resigned the post of Lord Lieutenant. Soon after he was, from being one of the Lords Commissioners of Trade, advanced to the post of Secretary of State, he found his health impaired by the return of that asthmatic indisposition, which continued often to afflict him during his exercise of that employment, and at last obliged 40 him to beg His Majesty's leave to resign. His freedom from the anxiety of business so far re-established his health, that his friends began to hope he might last for many years; but (whether it were from a life too sedentary, or from his natural constitution, in which was one circumstance very remarkable, that, from his cradle, he never had a regular pulse) a long and painful relapse into an asthma and dropsie deprived the world of this great man, on the 17th of June, 1719. He left behind him only one Daughter, by the Countess of Warwick, to whom he was married in the year 1716.

Mar. 21 (Fri.). Mr. Parker's Essay on the Duty of Physicians and 50

Patients mentioned above, was dedicated to Dr. Mead, without the Doctor's leave, at which the Doctor was very angry. Mr. Parker wrote that Essay purely to get a little money.

Mr. Parker became acquainted with learned foreigners purely upon account of his keeping a boarding-house. There they used to dine & sup in common, Mr. Parker's wife being a clever, neat woman in such affairs. One foreigner used to recommend another, and Mr. Parker (as I have often heard him say) found great advantage by their dieting at his house.

Dr. Grabe was an acquaintance 'tis true of Mr. Parker's, but he was no
 10 Nonjuror, contrary to what is insinuated in the account of Mr. Parker. Dr. Grabe was a subject of the King of Prussia's, and he had no occasion to be a Nonjuror, nor did he therefore abstain from the publick churches in England, but frequented them, and prayed for the present possessors of the throne, tho' with respect to the H. Sacrament he always kept from it in the manner 'tis administred at present, and would at such times receive in Dr. Hickes's way, which divers Nonjurors follow.

'Tis said in that account, that Mr. Parker constantly observed a strict uniformity in his principles and practice, which is false. He was warped for some years of the latter part of his life, and swerved from the true
 20 Nonjuring Principles, which as it gave offence to the true Nonjurors, so they could not but much blame Mr. Parker for it, who, however, at the same time was caressed by the compliers, and those compliers were the friends meant by what is said above, that he found in the room of old friends as they dropt off. This I have several times heard Mr. Parker mention, who at the same time would reflect upon Dr. Hickes, and several very considerable Nonjurors, for their deserting him, whereas 'twas so far from being true, that they did not desert or leave Mr. Parker, but, on the contrary, Mr. Parker, by his being warped & by his striking in with the compliers, forsook his old friends, who thereupon became
 30 shy and jealous of him.

Mar. 22 (Sat.). On Thursday last the Oxford Ringers began to ring at New College at three Quarters after twelve a clock, and rang completely what they had attempted several times before, 6876 Cator changes, finishing the peal about 3 quarters of an hour after four Clock. 'Tis the first time that such a number of Cator changes was ever rang in Oxford upon ten bells. I did not hear the ringing myself, for the same reason I have specified above under March 12 inst., but I have heard from good Judges, that, take it altogether, 'twas a glorious performance. For tho' there were two very great blunders, and some other bad ringing, yet
 40 considering the length of the peal, it was admirable ringing, such as can hardly be mended, unless it be by the Londoners, it being a thing as it were next to impossible, to go through such a long tedious work without faults. The names of the Ringers were as before. They were much caressed when they had done, and were handsomely treated or entertained at New College, but Mr. Barnes could not be at the entertainment, being obliged, as soon as ever the ringing was done, to go to his brother the waggoner's in St. Aldate's then dying, who indeed died that very evening of a dropsy. He is the same Barnes, that set up a waggon in opposition to the Vice-Chancellor.

Mar. 23 (Sun.). On Friday morning last died suddenly (upon the close stool, I am told) Mr. Crank, father-in-law to Dr. Richard Frewin the Physician. He died at the Doctor's House near New Inn Hall, the Doctor and his wife (daughter of the said Crank) being absent, going both for London on Tuesday, March 11. She is the Doctor's third wife.

From the Grub Street Journal for Thursday Mar. 20, No. 273:—

A few days since died, at Charlbury in Oxfordshire, the Rev. Mr. William Coles, formerly vicar of that place (worth near 300 li. per annum) which he was deprived of for refusing of latter oaths, and strictly adhering to former, both being, as he thought, incompatible. He enjoyed the promise of the fifth 10 command, to which he paid a due obedience.

Mar. 24 (Mon.). At the end of the last number of the fifth volume of Mr. Parker's *Bibliotheca Biblica* is printed:—The Sacred Chronology of the Pentateuch &c., the author whereof was not Mr. Parker himself but Mr. John Masson (tho' his name be not to it) a French Refugee clergyman, and author of several books.

[A list of some people buried at White Waltham between 1678 and 1708.]

Mar. 25 (Tu.). Mr. Barnes the waggoner, who died on Thursday last, was buried on Sunday following, being March 23, at Cowley near Oxford, in a very decent manner, 90 men upon horses, and three women 20 on horses, attending the Herse out of Oxford to Cowley, at which place Mr. Barnes, it seems, was born.

One Dove formerly wrote & printed Almanacks for the use of the University of Cambridge. I must remember to ask Mr. Baker about him, what he was, and whether he lived at Cambridge.

[More burials at White Waltham, 1709 to 1711.]

Mar. 26 (Wed.). Yesterday in the afternoon was buried very decently in St. Peter's Church in the East Oxford, Mr. Crank father-in-law to Dr. Frewin.

John Swan also as well as Mr. Dove wrote Almanacks for the use of 30 the Univ. of Cambridge, and they (as well as Dove's) were printed by John Feild, printer to that University. Quaere, whether this Swan was not the same with Swan that wrote Speculum Mundi.

Mar. 27 (Thur.). The Parish Clerk's dues for the Burial of Sir Constantine Phipp's daughter in the Chancell of the Church of White Waltham in Berks, May 1, 1713, from a note written by my father George Hearne's own hand:—His dues being double duty for the Grave and Burial is 10s.; for Ringing the Bell 4 hours at 12 pence the 40
houre 4s.; for registering the Burial 4d.; the brick layer demands for his help in moving the seat & pavement 1s. Total 15s. 4d.

Mar. 29 (Sat.). Samuel Edwards, schoolmaster, of the parish of Lawrence Waltham died in 1719, buried May 19.

Mar. 23, 1734. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 70) [see Diary, Ap. 2, 7.].

Mar. 29, 1735. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 81). Has been laid up with the gout, & has read H.'s last book, for which the money should have been sent before.

N.B. The said Mr. Samuel Edwards, who was my couzin, was a very ingenious man, as were his two brothers, Mr. Richard Edwards & Mr. Stephen Edwards. They were all three Taylors by Trade, but excellent Scholars considering their Education. There was another Brother a Clergyman (I think of Cambridge) but I never saw him. Also there was a 5th brother (an ingenious Carpenter) of Sunning in Berks, named Mr. Thomas Edwards.

[More burials.]

Mar. 30 (Sun.). The Form of a Return of the *pettit* Constable of 10 the liberty of Berry in the parish of White Waltham in Berks, in the manner as my father George Hearne used to draw it up for those officers. I transcribed it from my father's original, *nunc penes me*.

Berks. The Returns of William Mayer, *pettit* Constable of the Liberty of Berry in the Parish of White Waltham to be exhibited at the Generall Assizes and Goal Delivery to be holden at Wallingford on Monday the 8th day of July 1722 for this County of Berks.

Inprimis Watch and Ward we doe keep and observe and have taken no Vagrants.

Item Popish Recusants we have none in my Liberty.

20 Item Hue and Cryes are followed and looked after.

Item our Poor people are provided for. And all such Warrants and precepts that have been directed to me have been served and executed according to Law. And I have in other things pertaining to my office performed the same to the best of my skill and so have now nothing to present.

per William Mayer, Constable *ibidem*.

Mar. 31 (Mon.). Philosophical Letters between the late learned Mr. Ray and several of his ingenious Correspondents. Published by W. Derham, Chaplain to his Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, and 30 F.R.S. London, 1718.

In pag. 321 is a Letter of Mr. Thoresby's to Mr. Ray, containing an additional List of Local Words for the use of Mr. Ray's book on that Subject. It is larger than Mr. Thoresby expected it would have been. It is dated at Leeds Ap. 27, 1703. *As tile* as soon; *tiller* sooner. *Millums* watry places about a Mill dam. A *paddock* or *parrock*, a small narrow Close that is an appendix to a greater. To *pucker*, to draw up like a Purse, unevenly.

To enquire whether there be a third Edition of Ray's book of local words.

40 **April 1 (Tu.).** This day died of the small Pox in St. Peter's parish in the East Oxford one Tyndal, a school boy of New College, whose Father was formerly of Edmund Hall in Oxford, as a member of which he took the degree of Master of Arts, but is now a Clergyman in the Country. He and his wife were present in Oxford when their son (a schoolboy at New College) died. He was buried tonight at 10 clock in St. Marie's church, Oxford.

Mr. John Murray, who was very dangerously ill lately at Sacombe

in Hertfordshire, is since gone to London (as Mr. West in his Letter of Mar. 17) much recovered, so that 'twas hoped he got strength daily.

Cardinal Barberin's Poems were printed and published at Oxford from the Theater Press in 8^{vo}, by Mr. Browne of Queen's College.

Theophrastus's Characters were published there by Mr. Owen of St. John's College.

Cardinal Wolsey's Life in 4^{to} by Cavendish, is a pretty thing, well worth any one's Reading.

The 4^{to} Pamphlett, containing the Sickness at Oxford 1643, is worth a curious man's sight, as not very common. 10

Oxonium Poema per Vernon, 4^{to}, is a pretty thing.

Dunton's Journal [of the] Salley Fleet 4^{to} is Historical and rare. I read it in June 1719, having been lent me by Thomas Rawlinson Esq.

King James II's speeches in 12^{mo} worth the reading. I read them in May 1719, being lent me by Thomas Rawlinson Esq.

Mr. Tho. Rawlinson formerly lent me a folio MS. of Fleetwood, an extraordinary piece of history.

Flodden Field 8^{vo}, a very pretty History, well written tho' humorously.

Sir John Smith's Life 4^{to} well worth reading. I read it Ap. 24, 1719.

Martis et Minervae Epithalamium, a pretty Poem. I read it March 20 1719.

Churchyard's Wars in Flanders in 4^{to}. Vide something there notable of himself. I read it April 1719.

D. of Buck' in the Isle of Ree 4^{to} well worth reading. I read it April 1719.

Somner's Life &c. 8^{vo} is a pretty thing. I read it Aug. 1719, as I have at other times.

Instructions for Travel 12^{mo}, a pretty book, worth reading for the small Sketches. I read it in March 1719.

April 2 (Wed.). Major Bernardi, mentioned above p. 87, is now, 30 I am told, in the 75th year of his age, a brisk, lively, chearfull man, tho' afflicted with Stone &c. Some years since he wrote and printed an account of his own life, which was dispersed, as well as he could, at 4s. 6d. a copy, tho' he met with so many enemies as to receive nothing near the profit he expected from it.

Mr. Baker, in his letter of Mar. 23, tells me Mr. Jones desired me to acquaint him, what Bishops' Lives are written in a MS. of Mr. Wood's collection, markt on the Back F. 8. fol. in the Ashmolean Museum. *You will pardon the trouble* (says Mr. Baker) *if you knew, how much of that kind he gives me.* 40

Mr. Jones might easily guess, what Bishops Lives the MS. contains from the Title in the printed Catalogue, which is the same Title with that in the MS. viz. '*Viri Illustres ecclesiae Anglicanae Restauratae*, containing a continuation of the succession of the English Bishops since 1560 to this present 1672, extracted out of several authors, and little or nothing therein but what was knowne befoer.' So in the MS. itself, which is a jejune lean thing.

Reineccius was one of the most learned, that ever the great huge country of Germany produced, and there is something worth seeing in all

his pieces, what cannot be said of by much the greatest number of his countrymen, that set up for Scholars, a dull heavy race.

Dr. Mede hath Faustus's Bible, printed anno 1462. On it were Brazen Cardinals Caps, which were (by the Doctor's permission and order) upon the book's being new bound (as I suppose) pulled off in 1719.

Osborne's Persuasive is well worth the reading. Loyall Blacksmith, which I read in June 1719, an odd book. Cry of Ludgate &c., which I read May 1719 is prettily ended. A small Chronicle of England has something in it; I read it in May 1719, being lent me by Tho. Rawlinson Esq.

April 3 (Thur.). The Duke of Roan's Declaration (which I read May 1719) is in a manner a piece of English History.

Description of Bermudas, a pretty thing. I read it June 1719.

Descriptio Plantar. by Johnson (which I read June 1719) well penned and pleasant.

Card. Richlieu's Life worth reading. I read it May 1719.

Congregation of Jesuites at London, rare & good. I read it May 1719.

Peacham's worth of a penny; good things in it; some not obvious. I read it over in May 1719.

In quarto, a piece of Spratt, lent me by Thomas Rawlinson Esq. in 1719, which I read over. Mr. Rawlinson when he sent it wrote thus:— 'Spratt with the Answer well worth the reading. Observe what a Dogg he is. N.B. Tho' so long he sate in the H. of Lords (so called), he never had the Courage to speak once after this in Publick there, tho' elsewhere ingenious, pleasant &c. Ergo a cowardly Scoundrell & halfe strained Villain.'

Young Mr. Wagstaffe lent me some years ago, his Extracts made out of monumental Inscriptions in France, and indeed they were worth my sight. It was in 1719. Thomas Rawlinson first told me of them.

Account of two Murtherers. Something remarkable in it. I read it Aug. 26, 1719.

Acta Comitii Galliae. Good Latin, but particular Doctrine. Read in July 1719, but lent me by Thomas Rawlinson.

K. James's Apology, & a good one. Read July 1719.

Querela Mediolani, well & elegantly written. Read Aug. 1719.

Sir Walter Raleigh of Guiana. I doubt a Lye, saith Thomas Rawlinson, who lent it me, and I read it in 1719.

Forme of bidding Common Prayer, MSS.; read in Aug. 1719, lent me by Tho. Rawlinson.

Perused Mattaire's Juvenal Oct. 1719, lent me by T. Rawlinson, to whom dedicated.

Anatomy of Protestancy, read Feb. 21, 1718^g, lent me by T. Rawlinson. 'When read' said Mr. R. 'may lend it Mr. Charles Eyston from me. He will be glad to see it.'

Leaver's Sermon before the King, very honest. Read April 1719. Lent me by Tho. R.

Alured's Advice to D. of Buck', MS.; read Apr. 1719, lent me by Tho. R.

April 4 (Good Friday). Lewis Owen's Register worth reading. I read it Feb. 17, 171⁸/₉, being lent me by Tho. Rawlinson; after which I dispatched it to Mr. Charles Eyston, letting him know it was only by accident when such things rose in Mr. Rawlinson's Study, but that Mr. Rawlinson had his use, service and pleasure always in his Eye.

At the same time he signified that he knew not any reason to feare of State Matter from publishing the Journey to Spain.

The said Journey was the MS. given me by Dr. Mead, which I thought of publishing with other things of the same kind all together.

I have since printed it with Vita Ricardi II.

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Dr. Speed's Bat upon Bat. Read Feb. 12, 171⁸/₉, being lent me by Tho. Rawlinson, who said in his letter of Jan. 1, 1718 'This sells still very well with Crouch, even to God knows what Editions'.

General Monk's Pedigree. Lent me by T. R.; read Feb. 13, 171⁸/₉. 'About what occasion' saith Mr. Rawlinson in the said letter of Jan. 1 'or on which side this was published, I know not, but it is a pretty Thing however.'

Pierce Plowman's Crede. Lent me then by T. R. Feb. 17, 171⁸/₉. 'A peice' saith Mr. Rawlinson 'rare & good in which the Remains of Monastick Antiquity are graphically described. It charmes me on that account, whener I read it.'

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Injunctions, in 4^{to}. Lent me then by T. R., read Feb. 22, 171⁸/₉, ancient and worth reading.

Æsop at Tunbridge, lent then to me by T. R., read Feb. 25, 171⁸/₉; 'very good and pleasant, often imitated afterwards, by unhappy penms, but never since rivalled' saith Mr. R.

Latimer's Sermons before K. Edw. VI, 'in which I have marked' saith Mr. R. 'on the side, where is some good history; the whole is worth reading.' He lent it me. I read it Feb. 17, 171⁸/₉.

Crowley, an odd book; read it Mar. 1, 171⁸/₉.

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Sturmus. Mr. Rawlinson doubled down some passages about Q. Eliz., which he desired me to read, which I did Feb., 171⁸/₉.

Barbon, Poema; pretty; read Mar. 5, 171⁸/₉.

April 5 (Sat.). Huetius of Romances, a very pretty book; read Mar. 14, 171⁸/₉; lent me by T. R.

South Carolina, in 8^{vo}; 'seems' says T. R. 'a tolerable account. We ought to know the English Dominions.' Read, Mar. 15, 171⁸/₉.

New York, in 12^{mo}; 'written' saith T. R., who lent it me 'by no Conjuror; a plain Relation.' Read, Mar. 15, 171⁸/₉.

Dew's Speech about Cambridge; 'worth reading' saith T. R. 'tho' thin of matter.' Read Mar. 14, 171⁸/₉.

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In 8^{vo} a book of Younger's lent me by T. R., who said of it, 'Younger has a few things omitted by others.' Read Mar. 21, 171⁸/₉.

Morton: 'well worth perusal for to see Puritan Villany,' T. R.; read, Mar. 22, 171⁸/₉.

April 5, 1735. William Brome to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 19. 24). 'I fear Mr. Hearne at Oxford is in a bad way. I hear the Sphincter Anus is relaxed & he retains nothing. Benedictus Abbas & the Index is printed, but Prolegomena not finished by reason of his illness.'

Duke of Saxony's Jubily; 'worth the reading' T. R.; read Mar. 23, 1718^g.

Levet's Sermon; 'good free Things in it' T. R.; read Mar. 26, 1719.

Wright's book of Navigation, 'valuable for the Voyage at the end of it' T. R.; read Mar. 26, 1719.

The Connexion, 'in which you will find as directed matter for your purpose' T. R., who lent it me. The matter he means was about Prince Charles's Journey to Spain, which I was then considering. I read it in 10 Mar. 1718^g.

April 6 (Easter Sunday). From Hooker's Weekly Miscellany for Mar. 1 :—

A girl of about 12 years of age, daughter to Mrs. Ludlow, a midwife at Chelsea, having been bit by a mad dog about six weeks ago, was sent immediately afterwards to be dipt in Salt Water; but notwithstanding that Precaution, on Saturday last she was seized with a shivering fit, and a difficulty to swallow, and on Sunday expired, foaming and barking like a Dog.

There is just come out An Enquiry into the Life and Writings of Homer; London, 1735, 8^{vo}, consisting of 335 pages, in a good large 20 letter, besides a large Index. Written to the Right Honourable My Lord —. The Author (whoever he be) aims at much learning & a plausible stile. I have read the book quite through, but cannot tell what he would be at, unless that Homer only, as it were, should be read, and preferred to all other books whatever. I cannot comprehend his drift, and to what good purpose he should write such a book; and yet I hear there are those that cry it up.

Dr. Rob. Brady in p. 111 of the Preface to his Treatise of English Cities and Boroughs, of the 2nd edition, observes that *Londinium Triumphans*, printed and dedicated to the Men in Authority, in the year 1682, 30 is a book composed of Fables, and the Perverted History of some good Authors.

On Wed. last died Mrs. Bennett, wife of Mr. Bennett, Mancipal of All Souls College, of a long illness, she having been confined about 5 years. She died in the 62nd year of her age. She was buried tonight in the churchyard of St. Peter's in the East, where she lived with her husband.

April 7 (Mon.). Mr. Baker from Cambridge, Mar. 23 last, tells me that he hath seen and perused Mr. Richardson's *Praelectiones*, and thinks them well done, & yet he is satisfied, they contain nothing that can be of instruction to me. That Lecture was founded by Dr. Holbech, Master of 40 Emmanuel College & by his Will, seems to be well endowed. Mr. Richardson, Mr. Baker thinks, was the first Reader; how it has been read since he does not know; but he doubts, they shall have no more in print. Though he cites Lucius Dexter's Chronicle, from their Public Library, yet

April 6, 1735. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 138). 'I am considerably better (as I conceive) than I was.' Dr. Frewin has altered the treatment and says he will see Dr. Mead again.

it is not in the Catalogue, nor hath Mr. Baker yet seen it, nor from the character he gives it, hath he any curiosity to see it. He (Mr. Richardson) was Fellow of Eman. College, which he left anno 1685, upon accepting of North Luffenham, a Rectory of good value in Rutland, whence he was deprived soon after, and died anno 1705. His Lectures, Mr. Baker thinks, were published by his nephew, who is now upon a great work, which Mr. Baker wishes (as I do) he may live to performe.

Mr. Thomas Smith of Christ's College was a learned man, *electus ad officium Bibliothecarii primarii, 29 die mensis Aprilis anno 1659*, which office he held a short time, for he died in September anno 1661. Beside 10 Dr. Collet's Convocation Sermon, which he has translated or published, with that Doctor's Life, of whose School (viz. St. Paul's) he was, he has translated out of French Daille's Apology for the Reformed Churches, with a large Preface printed at Cambridge by Tho. Buck, anno 1653, in a small 8^{vo}, and somewhat against the Quakers, with some of whose Leaders he had a Conference at Cambridge. *From Mr. Baker, Mar. 23.*

A motion was lately made in the House of Lords against Dr. Bentley but was overruled; so the Dr., notwithstanding the Bishop's sentence, seems to be quietly possessed of his Mastership for life. *Idem ibid.*

April 8 (Tu.). Conflagratio Londinensis Poetice Descripta. The 20 Conflagration of London Poetically described, both in Latin and English. The second Edition, with large Additions, London, 1667, 4^{to}.

Is not this the description of the Fire written in Verse by Mr. Samuel Wiseman, a native born in Fleet Street, wherein he gives an excellent methodical account of the burning of this City, from Sunday morning to Wednesday following. See Mr. Bagford's letter p. LXXXIV.

'Tis not the same. But, as I remember, I have seen it in MS. in a Collection of that kind, made & lent me by the late Mr. Bagford, author of the foresaid Letter, which I printed at the beginning of Leland's Collectanea. 30

April 9 (Wed.). Petri Wesseling Probabilium liber singularis, in quo praeter alia insunt Vindiciae verborum Joannis Et Deus erat Verbum; 1731, 8^{vo}.

In this book are many philological things, as also many old Inscriptions. The author endeavours to be as critical as he can, and indeed many of his observations are good, but he is much beholden to English authors, who commonly prove an inexhausted fund to the heavy Germans.

Cap. XXXIX. Inquiritur in fidem actorum diurnorum, quorum fragmenta Pighius & Dodwellus publicarunt &c. Wesseling taking the hint from Moyle (who was a man of but ill principles, and none of the best 40 judges of Antiquity) does what he can, to prove these Acts spurious.

April 9, 1735. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 148). 'It was with great concern that I heard of your Indisposition, by our common Friend Mr. West, & more to my surprize, that from your long letters I always conceyv'd hopes that you were in full Health, which I am sure I wish you, & in order to that, must desire you to abate of your studies, & to take more care of yourself, than you have hitherto done, by constantly fatiguing yourself, with a Load of Business' [see Diary, April 13].

But I think his arguments are weak. Had Mr. Dodwell discovered any sure tokens of their being a forgery, he would have published them without doubt.

April 10 (Thur.). Mr. Cornelius Bee, a great sufferer by the fire of London. Abundance of the copies of *Critici Sacri*, which he printed, were then burnt. See p. 6 of *Londini quod reliquum, or London's remains*, in Latin & English, London, 1667. The author, I suppose, the same with that *Conflagratio Londinensis* above mentioned.

From a letter written to me at London, Mar. 27, 1731, by Dr. Richard Rawlinson:—‘I send you a Notitia, as to Bp. Duppa, which I dont find A. Wood knew. You may have probably seen a book intit. *Private forms of Prayer fitted for the late Sad Times, particularly a form of Prayer for the thirteenth of January, morning and evening*, London, 1660. At pag. 219 begins under another title, Prayers of intercession for the use of such as mourn in secret for the publike calamities of these nations [compiled by Dr. Duppa. Bp. of Winchester MS.], at the end is the following note by the Rev. Mr. Abraham Borfet [whose handwriting I am acquainted with] Chaplain to Bp. Duppa:—The Prayers of Intercession for their use, pp. 219–253, were compiled by the most pious and excellent Prelate Dr. Duppa, Bp. of Salisbury, and after the Restauration of King Charles the second translated to Winchester, and having compared them with a manuscript Copy writ with the Bishop’s own hand, and by him given 1658 to a worthy and truly loyal Gentleman Sir William Boothby of Derbyshire, I shall accurately sett down all words in the MS. which vary from the printed Copy.’ So far Dr. Rawlinson’s Letter.

April 11 (Fri.). John Bale was a very great enemy to bells, as may appear from his Apocalypse. And I believe he did what he could to have all the brave bells destroyed, & there were too many others of his mind.

St. Anthony in an old edition of Martial, is done in wood, having a bell in one of his hands.

My late friend the Hon. Benedict Leonard Calvert Esq. was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society on the 25th of March, being Thursday, 1731, on the nomination of Dr. Richard Rawlinson.

The Squabbles of that body were at that time very publick, and ’twas judged that if not composed, they would end in the greatest confusion. The newspapers were very full thereof, and they were generally very clear on that Subject.

April 13 (Sun.). This being Lowe Sunday, the four Easter Sermons were repeated this morning at St. Marie’s by Mr. Oliver of Merton College. The first upon Good Friday was preached at Christ Church by Mr. Glover of Christ Church. The second upon Easter day in the afternoon was preached at St. Peter’s in the East by Mr. Seed of Queen’s College, the third at St. Marie’s on Easter Monday morning by Dr. Felton, Principal of Edmund Hall; the fourth on Easter Tuesday by Mr. Oliver (who is now the Repeater) of Merton College.

April 10, 1735. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 139). Is worse; describes his symptoms.

Mr. West knows of no more than one edition of Mr. Ray's book of local words. There are certainly two editions, and I queried whether there might not be a third.

Mr. Richardson's intended work is an *Athenae Cantabr.*, which Mr. Baker doubts he shall ever live to see.

The Cambridge edition of Catullus, Tibullus & Propertius was published by Lord Anglesey, when at Cambridge. It was first undertaken by one Mr. Banks, Fellow of Pembr. Hall, a very able Critic, but he dying, before he had made any great progress, it fell to Mr. Annesley.

Mr. Baker remembers nothing of Mr. Pitt, & yet if he were a Nonjuror, ¹⁰ he must have been within his time. Mr. Baker hath a letter from Moses Pitt, bookseller, to the Author of a book intituled, *Some Discourses upon Dr. Burnet & Dr. Tillotson &c.* reflecting very hardly upon one Friend [Dr. Hickeys], says Mr. Baker in his letter of April 9.

April 14 (Mon.). Some remarkable Passages in the holy Life and Death of the late Rev. Mr. Edmund Trench, most of them drawn from his own Diary; London, 1693. It was published by J. Boyse.

He was born Oct. 6, 1643. Towards the end of his 15th year he was sent to Cambridge with Mr. Samuel Jacomb, and by him placed in Queen's Colledge, under the Tuition of Mr. Andrew Paschall. From ²⁰ Cambridge he was removed to Oxford, whither he went towards the end of 1660, to Magdalen Hall. Before that year expired, he proceeded Batchelor, performing the usual Exercises on that occasion. After almost two years abode at Oxford, he left that Univ. also, being sent about 7 months after to Leyden. He was concerned in publishing something of a good deceased Bishop S——, but he tells us not the name at large of the Bishop. It troubled him afterwards that he published it (p. 35). He had observed it ordinary in the Universities to preach long without *Orders* as *Probationers &c.* (p. 51). On Ap. 18, 1686, Mr. Samuel Barton, Fellow of Corpus Christi Coll. in Oxford, married his ³⁰ sister Sarah (p. 77). He died Mar. 30, 1688^g.

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April 15 (Tu.). The Importance of Religion to Civil Societies. A Sermon preached at St. Mary's in Oxford, at the Assizes, before the Hon. Mr. Justice Fortescue-Aland, and Mr. Justice Lee, and before the University, on Thur. Mar. 6, 1735^g, by George Fothergill M.A., Fellow of Queen's College in Oxford. Published at the Request of Mr. Vice-Chancellor, and the Heads of Houses. Oxford, 1735, price sixpence, 8^{vo}.

April 14, 1735. H. to Mead (Rawl. 28. 139). Conceives that he is worse. Dr. Frewin is away in London & not likely to return for a week. 'If Dr. Frewin cannot himself be speedily here, I would humbly intreat him to send directions hither either to me or to my apothecary, Lever.'

April 14, 1735. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 27 c. 84). 'I met Dr. Frewin to-day, and shewed him your Letter, upon which we agreed upon the inclosed Method, which we desire you will be pleased to give to your Apothecary, and most heartily wish it may be of service to recover your health.'

This Sermon was much cryed up just after 'twas preached ; but I think there is not much in it. I have heard much better Assize Sermons, that were never desired to be printed.

I suppose Dr. Holmes (the Vice-chancellour) & the Heads of Houses, desired it to be printed, chiefly on account of Mr. Fothergill's commending the Discipline in both Universities, which however (God knows) for the most part is very remiss, far worse than 'twas some years ago.

There are also in it some other flatteries, which are not consistent with an excellent Sermon. The Sermon is otherwise good, tho' I think it
10 might have done as well upon any other occasion as an Assize.

Before Dr. Bernard Connor's *Evangelium Medici*, London, 1697, is *Epistola ad meritissimum suum amicum, D. B. M., ex Anglico idiomate ab erudio J. W. in Latinum conversa* in 8 pages, the said J. W. is John Wallis of Magd. Coll., who is now Arabick Professor of Oxford. So I gather from the Copy, being Wallis's book which I saw, it being lent me by Mr. Loveday. At the beginning Mr. Wallis hath written with his own hand, *Donum Amicissimi Autoris*.

With the said book is bound (printed I suppose at the same time and place, the types being the same, tho' there are new pages and signatures)
20 Dr. Connor's *Tentamen epistolare ad nobilem virum D. Edvardum Southwel de secretionē animalī*. Also *Epistola a literato quodam Cantabrigiensi data ad Bernardum Connor M.D. . . . anno 1695*, subscribed C. P. [Quaere who this C. P. was] and *Connori Responsio in qua novum suum Œconomiae animalis Exemplar exhibet*. Both which letters it seems were written in English, and translated into Latin by two others; *Ex Anglico idiomate ab eruditīs D. G. B. & J. W. studios. Oxon. in Latinum conversas*, are Dr. Connor's words. Quaere who was D. G. B. The aforesaid John Wallis was J. W.

April 16 (Wed.). One Blackwell, a Scottish man, I am told is author
30 of the new English book, printed in one volume 8^{vo} in a large letter about Homer.

Mr. Loveday yesterday consulted for me in Bodley the pieces that are there of *Alanus de Insulis*. Alanus's *Anticlaudianus* was printed at Basil, 1536. It is in metre or verse. It consists of 9 books, which Dr. Cave, according to the Geneva Edition of his Hist. Lit. makes *xi libri*, a mistake I suppose for *ix libri*.

A Friendly Admonition to the drinkers of Brandy, and other distilled spirituous Liquors, Lond. 1733, 8^{vo} in 23 pages. The author Dr. Hales.
7 'Tis a pretty, usefull thing, adapted to these wicked times, in which the
40 practice of drinking those hot liquors is so very common (nothing more) to the destruction of such a prodigious number. The sin of drunkenness in this little pamphlett is clearly laid open from Scripture.

John Ball in fol. 51 of his Apology agaynst a ranke Papyst about vowes, anno 1550, tells us of 'a symple surgeon or dogge leche, whom he sumtime knew, whych had but one drynke for all dyseases, and one salue for all sores.'

April 17 (Thur.). Yesterday the Proctors (Mr. Cox of New College and Mr. Thomas of Wadham College) for 1734 laid down their office in a Convocation, held at two clock, and the Proctors (Mr. Will. Wightwick

of Magd. Coll. & Mr. Bernard Dowdeswell of Christ Church) for 1735 took place.

Mr. Henry Clements, of Oxford, bookseller, is 51 years of age.

Thomas Sparrowe, who lived in the time of the Civil Warrs, wrote *Confessor, Comædia*. Quaere whether he were a Cambridge man, & whether he wrote or published any thing else.

April 18 (Fri.). John Lyne, son of Mr. Lyne, Townclerk of Oxford, was of Balliol College, as a member of which he took the degree of M.A., Mar. 1, 1693. After which he became Vicar of Brixworth in Northamptonshire, and was a man of that singular good reputation, that no one in all that County was said to be of greater Honesty, Probity and Integrity. He was just and punctual in all his dealings, and managed the affairs of some persons of distinction on that account, to their exceeding great satisfaction, particularly the affairs of a sister (a widow woman) of the present Sir Justinian Isham. He was, withall, a good scholar; but 'twas his misfortune, that he lately was seized with nervous disorders, and grew melancholly, about six weeks after which calamity fell upon him, he drowned himself in a pond (a small, but deep one) pretty near the said Lady's house, whose affairs he managed. This was on March 27 last, being a Thursday. He has left a disconsolate widow, and five children, 20 3 of which are sons, the eldest of which is Fellow of Emmanuel College in Cambridge, a man of an excellent character for his virtue & learning, which hath made him a great tutor, a second is scholar of King's College in that University, and looked upon to be as good a scholar for his standing as any in the University. The third, who I think is the middlemost, is drawer at the King's Head Tavern in Oxford. I cannot find, that Mr. Lyne's circumstances were bad, or that he was pinched. For tho' his preferment was small, yet he managed so, as to be above the world.

April 19 (Sat.). Above 40 years ago, when I was a schoolboy, there 30 lived in the parish of White Waltham, near Maidenhead in Berks, an old Gentlewoman, called Mrs. Creswell. She was a widow woman & good and charitable to the poor. She was a great Coffee Drinker, as I remember. One Sunday coming on foot from White Waltham Church, she fell down dead in the close (called Linglands) as she was making her way for Heywood, where she lived or boarded at farmer Mason's, and she was buried that week in White Waltham church, at which time much bread, & many silver pence and two pences, she had saved together, were given away to the poor by her directions, and at the same time a funeral sermon was preached upon her, according to her desire, by the Rev. 40 Mr. John Griffyth, Vicar of White Waltham, who took for his text (tho' I think I have heard several times, that she had pitched upon the words herself) Is. xxxviii. 1 'Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die, and not live'. And he made an excellent Sermon.

April 20 (Sun.). Copies of all Editions of the *Etymologicicon Magnum* are now very scarce. There are a great many curious and

April 19, 1735. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 82). 'I am heartily concerned for your late indisposition'; wishes him better health.

learned observations in this work, not to be met with elsewhere. A very good edition might be put out at Oxford, by the help of the MSS. there, and I wish some qualified person or persons would undertake it. The Baroccian MSS. should in such a case be all carefully looked over, and such Glossaries that are either there or among other Greek MSS. should be collated with the Etymologicon, and if anything of moment occurs in them not already in the Etymologicon, it should be taken in, yet so as to be distinguished from the Etymologicon. Indeed such additions might make a new alphabet.

- 10 **April 22 (Tu.).** The author of the *Enquiry into the Life & Writings of Homer*, is a Scottish Man, the son of Mr. Thomas Blackwell, Principal of the Newtown, or Marshall, College at Aberdeen, and Professor of Divinity there. So Mr. Loveday.

In the year 1706, I purchased, in an auction at Oxford *Ciceronis, Euripidis, Sophoclis, Homeri &c. Opera Selecta* for 3 s. It was the greatest Curiosity in the Auction, as I remember. I afterwards let Dr. Hudson have it, upon condition it should go to the publick Library, where it is now.

- Anno 1707 it was advertised, at the end of a Welsh Almanack by
20 John Jones, that there would be shortly printed in a large sheet, a curious Prospect of the North side of the famous Church and Steeple of Wrexham in Denbighshire in North Wales, justly esteemed one of the Wonders of Wales; and would be sold in most market Towns in North and South Wales. Drawn by Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, junior, of Wrexham.

- April 23 (Wed.).** A Treatise concerning current coin and medals, written in Dutch by Mynheer van Loon, and lately published at the Hague. 'Tis a curious & learned book, & is divided into 3 Parts. Notice is taken in this book, according to Mr. Hooker's extract from it in his *Weekly Miscellany*, that the most ancient money that we know to
30 be genuine, is a small copper piece in the King of Prussia's Cabinet. It has on one side a seacrab, and on the Reverse, the name of the Macedonian King Amyntas, the first of that name. So that this rare Piece must have been coined about the Time of Cyrus or Cambyses, Kings of Persia, above 550 years before the Birth of our Saviour.

- In February last died John Mayo Esq. aged 78, a great Favourite of King James II, who settled a Fee Farm rent of 800 l. per Annum on him during life; with Leave to settle a Jointure of 300 l. per Annum on his Wife in case he married; and a few days before he dyed, he married a Maiden Lady, to whom the Joynture was made over. *Chronological*
40 *Diary for the year 1735* p. 10

Mr. Peter Tillemans a famous Painter of Antwerp dyed in December last at Norton in Suffolk, *ib.* p. 6.

Dr. Rundle made Bishop of Derry in Ireland in February last, *ib.* p. 11.

In March last died Bevil Higgons, author of the Critical Review of the History of England, *ib.* p. 14.

In March last dyed Thomas Palmer Esq., Representative in Parliament for Bridgewater in Somersetshire, by whose Death a considerable Estate falls to his Brother of All Souls College in Oxford, tho' a large Joynture

goes to his Lady, one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir Thomas Wroth, besides considerable Legacies to his Sisters, *ib.* p. 16.

April 24 (Thur.). In December last died John Barrington Shute, Lord Barrington of Newcastle in the County of Dublin and Viscount Barrington of Ardglass in the County of Down, so created June 11, 1720, by George I [*&c.* copied from *The Chronological Diary* for 1726].

April 27 (Sun.). Mr. Selden was a great admirer of Dr. Robert Lloyd, commonly called Robertus de Fluctibus, the Physician. In the Dedication of the 1st Edition of his *Titles of Honour* to Mr. Edward Heyward (which Edition came out at London in 4^{to} in 1614) he ¹⁰ observes, that some years before that time it was finished, wanting, only in some parts, his last hand; which was then prevented by his dangerous and tedious sicknesse; being thence freed (as, he says, Mr. Heyward knew too, that was a continual, most friendly, and carefull witness) by the bounteous humanitie and advice of that learned Phisician Doctor Robert Floyd [*sic*] (whom my memorie, says Mr. Selden, always honours) he was at length made able to perfit it.

April 28 (Mon.). Ridicule, so far as it affects Religion, considered and censured. A Sermon preached before the University of Oxford at St. Mary's, on Sunday, Dec. 8, 1734. By John Tottie, M.A., Fellow of ²⁰ Worcester College in Oxford. Published at the Request of Mr. Vice-Chancellor and the Heads of Houses. Oxon. at the Theatre, Price 6d. The Vice-Chancellor's Imprimatur bears date April 2, 1735.

The Author inscribes it thus:—'To the Rev. Dr. Holmes, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, and to the rest of the Heads of Houses, this Discourse (preached and published with a view to contribute in some degree to the security of the youth under their Care in those Principles they are so happily educated in) is, with all Duty and Submission, inscribed by the Author.'

The Text 2 Pet. iii. 3. 'Tis a good sermon; but the misfortune ³⁰ nowadays is, that the Sermons are more like Essays than really Sermons, as having little of Scripture or Divinity in them, a thing Dr. Grabe used very much to lament and complain of.

April 30 (Wed.). Mr. Baker (in a letter of Ap. 26) does not find Mr. Edmund Trench mentioned by Mr. Wood, nor by Dr. Calamy, & tho' he hath seen their register at Queen's College, yet he hath not observed him there.

April 26, 1735. Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 72). 'I am glad to hear by your last letter that you are better. I hope your next may tell me you are well. I am sure I wish it. But in order to that, pray, take more care of yourself than you do of your books' [*see Diary*, April 30].

April 27, 1735. H. to Dr. Mead (Rawl. 28. 139). Thanks the Doctor for his letter of April 14; has followed the treatment; is no better.

April 28, 1735. James West to H. (Rawl. 11. 176). Is glad to hear from Mr. Baker that H. is better; hopes soon to hear that he is perfectly recovered.

April 29, 1735. H. to Thomas Carte (Carte MS. 227. 194). Sends an Advertisement of the Proposal to print Joannes Beverus.

Samuel Jacomb, Leicestrensis, admissus Sizator Coll. Regin., Jun. 21, 1644. He [S. J.] was elected Fellow there anno 1648, died & was buried Jun. 17, 1659, & his Funeral Sermon was preached by Simon Patrick, Lincolnensis, Fellow of the same College.

Thomas Jacombe, Leicestrensis, ex aula Magdal. Oxon., admissus Sizator Coll. Jo. Cant., Oct. 28, 1642. About the same time, they had many more came from Oxford, in expectation of Preferment there [at Cambridge], and he [T. J.] was admitted Fellow of Trin. Coll., after he had taken the degree of Bac. of Arts, at St. John's. Dr. Calamy is mistaken in his account.

Whether Swan, that published Almanacks, was the same with Swan the Author of Speculum Mundi, Mr. Baker cannot surely say, probably he might, living about the same time.

Londinium Triumphans by William Gough Gent., Mr. Baker hath, published Lond. 1682, 8^{vo}, & truly he thinks Dr. Brady's observation upon it, to be just.

Mr. Baker at the same time observes, that their Bursar at King's College, his effects in Books, Pictures &c. were sold off that week [viz. the week in which Mr. Baker's letter is dated] & by himself & his Friends
20 he has advanced near 2000 libs. ; so the College cannot loose (*sic*) much by him.

May 1 (Thur.). Christopher Rawlinson, of Queen's Coll. Oxon., whom I well remember, was an honest, plain Gentleman even when young, and much addicted to his studies, which introduced him (by the means of Mr. Edw. Thwaites) into the acquaintance of Dr. John Mill, Principal of Edmund Hall. Which proved of very good service to Mr. Rawlinson, who by that means procured the Dr.'s assistance in his (Mr. Rawlinson's) beautiful Edition of K. Ælfred's Saxon *Boetius de consolatione*. Mr. Rawlinson after his retirement from Oxford, erected
30 a monument to his Grandfather and Grandmother at Cark Hall in Lancashire, a copy of which, printed from a small engraved Plate I met with at the end of Parker's Ephemeris for 1707, which belonged to Mr. Thwaites, who had it pasted there but is now my own proper book, I shall here transcribe.

[Inscription to Robert Rawlinson of Cark Hall, who died Oct. 21, 1665, aged 55; and of Jane his wife, eldest daughter of Thomas Wilson of Haversham Hall; she died 1686, aged 66. Also of Curwen Rawlinson, their only son, who died in 1689; and of Elizabeth his wife, daughter and co-heir of Dr. Nicholas Monk, bishop of Hereford, who died
40 Sept. 27, 1691, aged 43, leaving two sons, Monk Rawlinson who died 1695, aged 21; and Christopher Rawlinson, who erected this monument in 1705].

May 2, 1735. H. to Rawlinson (Rawl. 32. 95). Sends the Advertisement of the publication of Benedictus and the proposal to print Johannes Bever in two volumes.

May 2, 1735. Richard Mead to H. (Rawl. 8. 84). 'Dr. Frewin having bin out of Town I could have no opportunity of consulting with him upon your case as described in your last of April 27 till this morning. We have now

May 5 (Mon.). On Friday morning Apr. 25 last Mr. Crotchley A.B. and Student of Christ Church was drowned at Sanford Lock near Oxford & was not found till yesterday May 4, when he was seen floating upon the water near Newnham Lock. There were six or seven of them together on the Friday morning this misfortune happened. They had been at Magd. College Thursday night immediately before at a concert of Musick for the benefit of Mr. Waring. Thence they went to a Coffee House at Cairfax, sate up all night and next morning took a boat & went for Sanford, where they rashly attempted to shoot the Lock, but the boat overturned & this Gentleman was unfortunately drowned; the rest 10 narrowly escaped.

The said Mr. Crotchley was cracked up by several but upon enquiry I find he was very vain & superficial. He aimed at buying and reading all new things whatsoever and yet the same time to addict himself to Antiquity. He had undertaken an Edition of Tully de Oratore, pretending that he would outdo whatever had been attempted of that kind before. The Dean of Christ Church Dr. Conybear who is no Classick Scholar put him upon it, and Mr. Oliver Battely, very great with the Dean, urged him vehemently to it, & I take it the said Battely had this Crotchley in his view, when a year ago he talked with me about Tully. 20

May 6 (Tu.). Marg. Gudius had Photius's Etymologicon in MS. in two volume. Mr. A. Meurer saw it. Marg. Gudius had Euripides in MS. cum Scholiis; also Æschylus cum Scholiis; also Eunomii Apologeticus, 'qui rarissimus' saith A. Meurer in notis MSS. de auctoribus penes me. Also Pappus Alexandrinus, Libanii Epistole, also Petri Blesensis Epistole; I know not what they were.

May 8 (Thur.). I do not find that Dr. Jebb is looked upon to be a proper person for publishing Mr. Bridges's Northamptonshire. So Browne Willis Esq. told me yesterday. Nor does the said Browne Willis seem now to like Mr. Slyford who is to assist Dr. Jebb, if Jebb's 30 design takes.

I never yet saw the little folio book about Dorsetshire said to be published by Mr. Mich. Earbury, but I find it to be much decryed and scouted and not fit to be published. Nor was it ever intended for the publick by the author, that I can learn. So Mr. Willis yesterday. But I find Mr. Willis himself, who is a Dorsetshire man, designs to publish a book of his own upon that country, & then I suppose he will take

agreed upon the underwritten method, which I most heartily wish you may find successfull.'

May 3, 1735. James Joye to H. (Rawl. 7. 108). Asks that Benedictus Abbas may be sent by the carrier. Will subscribe for Johannes Bever.

May 3, 1735. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 14. 45) [see Diary, May 13].

May 6, 1735. George Ballard to H. (Rawl. 14. 22). Is anxious to subscribe for a Book of Coins that is being printed by Beaupré Bell Esq.; suggests that he should send the money to H. 'knowing that Mr. Bell is a constant subscriber to every thing you publish' and thinking that H. will shortly be applying to Mr. Bell for money for Benedictus Abbas. 'I have been under a very great concern about your ill state of health, but am heartily glad to hear by Mr. Reeve that you are pretty well recovered again.'

in whatever he sees proper of the other book & to undervalue it on purpose to raise the worth & character of his own.

May 10 (Sat.). Mr. Worthington from London, May 8, 1735, observes that in my last to him I signified that I did still intend to publish Mr. Hatcher's catalogue of King's College. He should now be glad to know, whether I will put it to the Press this year; and what other work I have in hand. I am now printing Joannis Beveri Chronicon from an ancient MS. in the Harleian Library. But I know not yet whether I shall print Hatcher by itself or with some other work. If I print it with
10 some other thing, perhaps I may give no previous advertisement about it. Mr. Worthington says he need not tell me, that either of my Friends, Mr. Baker & Dr. Rawlinson, if they have not both of them already, can help me to the best Copies of that Catalogue; 'but I assure you' saith he 'mine (though taken by a good Hand) is not so exact as I expected to find it; otherwise I should have sent it to you long since, that you might compare your own Copy with it.'

May 12 (Mon.). Yesterday morning died of the small Pox Mr. Sayman M.A. and Fellow of Oriel College. He died in the College, about three weeks or a month after his return from the Country (Wiltshire, I think) whither he had retired they say near a twelve month since
20 on purpose to avoid the small pox which had been very rife in Oxford, and it was a distemper he was always very much afraid of.

This is the Gentleman it seems that occasioned Dr. Newton, Principal of Hart Hall to write his 8^{vo}. book called University Education. For Sayman being of Hart Hall had a prospect of coming in Fellow of Oriel. But Newton would not give him a discessit, upon which he went to the College without a discessit, and the Provost of Oriel College, Dr. Carter, paid the 40 s. forfeited by Statute on that account, there being no higher
30 statutum mulct to a Head of a House entering any one without a discessit. Dr. Newton highly resented this & so wrote & printed his book, & thereby much exposed himself, no one commending him (as I can learn) for his conduct.

May 13 (Tu.). The Copy of Bever's Chronicle in the Cotton Library is burnt to a crust. It did not come down so low as the MS. I print from, as Mr. Edw. Burton tells me from London, May 3, 1735,

May 8, 1735. John Worthington to H. (Rawl. 12. 133). Asks if he will publish Hatcher's Catalogue of King's College this year.

May 10, 1735. T. Ward to H. (Rawl. 11. 83). Has met with something about *Bever* but cannot readily recollect it now. Will be interested in the article on the Blood of Hales.

[c. **May 11, 1735**; 'received **May 14**'.] Baker to H. (Rawl. 22. 73). 'Tho' I am glad to hear you are better, yet I am not easy till I can hear you are well, & in order to that, I wish you would lay aside your books, till your Health be confirmed, & defer your Intentions of publishing Bever's Chronicle, till your condition is better. However, if you are resolved to proceed, I desire you will enter me a subscriber. What further service I can do you, I do not know, till I am spoke with our Friends, who, I dare say, have the same concern for you that I have, and the same Desires' [see Diary, May 16].

saying at the same time, 'I can add nothing to what Nicholson has said of that author, but that Leland (Coll. I. 279) makes his History begin much later than your copy does. But this no news to you. If any thing occurs in my searches that is worth communicating to you about this author, I will be sure to send it to you. John Merylinch, I think, I never before heard of'.

At the same time Mr. Burton told me that if he gets a little leisure, perhaps he may send me some collections relating to Glastonbury, which will not displease me.

He says also that he hath had a copy of Mr. Selden's notes on Dion¹⁰ Chrysostom transcribed for his own use. 'If you have any occasion for them' says he 'they are at your service. I have looked them over, & find that great man very angry at Casaubon for some faults in his notes on that author.'

May 14 (Wed.). Yesterday the Rev. Mr. Timothy Thomas, Rector of Presteign in Radnorshire accumulated the Degrees of Bach. & Dr. of Divinity and was presented accordingly in the forenoon in Congregation.

Bishop Sherlock has sent Scurlock to reside upon his Living of Pottern in Wilts, & has declared his Living of Laurence Waltham to be void, as not being within distance. The man before this resided at²⁰ neither. So Mr. Loveday, May 4, 1735.

I'm told that John Dart, who published the pompous folios on Westminster Abbey & Canterbury Cathedral was an Attorney, that afterwards he took Orders & became Parson of Yeatley, & that the Parish proceeded against him for very shocking Crimes. So Mr. Loveday.

May 15 (Thur.). Newcastle, May 2; we hear from Kirkeleatham that on the 26th of April last past, they had a storm of Thunder and Lightning, which fell upon the fine Pinacle of the Stables of Cholmley Turner Esq., rent in Pieces the great Post that supported the Stairs, drove out the Sash Windows and knocked down two Horses, but did no further³⁰ Damage. So The Prints. N.B. The said day was a cold wet day at Oxford.

May 16 (Fri.). Colchester, May 5; on Sunday about four o'clock in the Afternoon, a Stable, near Long Melford in Suffolk, was set on fire by a Flash of Lightning, and burnt down to the ground. N.B. The said May 4th was a cold blustering day at Oxford, the Wind high at North.

Whether Samuel Jacomb's Funeral Sermon be printed, Mr. Baker, in a letter of May 14. cannot surely say. He presumes it is, having entred the following note at his name:—'Sam. Jacomb admitted Fellow of Queen's College anno 1648, sepultus June 17, 1659. See Funeral⁴⁰ Sermon by Simon Patrick, which Simon P.S.T.P.¹ Oxon, was son of Henry Patrick, mercer of Gainsborough com. Lincoln,' where, says Mr. Baker, I presume he was born, tho' Mr. Wood says nothing of it.

I find Joh. Swann, Cantianus, admissus Pensionarius, in Coll: Regis: July 2, anno 1627. Of Dr. Conner & Thomas Sparrow, I finde nothing.

¹ postea sacre theologie professor.—ED.

May 18 (Sun.). Salomon Van Til, ecclesiae et scholae Dordracenae Pastor et Confessor, Dordraci MDCLXXXVIII edidit methodum Concionandi. Solidissimus hic vir est et accuratissimus; indicat unde ipse hauserit fontes & fontes unde haurire alii possint. A. Meurer in Adversar. MS.

May 19 (Mon.). The famous Mr. Henry Dodwell used to speak very well of the said Mr. A. Mewrer, viz. as long as Mewrer had the Character of a man of honesty, but being guilty of some fraudulent tricks at Oxford he was slighted and went off I know not whither. He was an industrious man & a good scholar & would have met with encouragement here
 10 in a Latin Book of the History of Philosophy &c. he had undertaken, but he met with obstruction after his fraud was discovered.

May 20 (Tu.). Mr. James West called upon me to-night, stayed near an hour and called again next morning (Wed. May 21) and staid half an hour or better and so went on his Journey to Banbury.

He told me Mr. Bridges's Northamptonshire would be a most pompous Book, and that Dr. Jebb and Mr. Slyford were very busy about it, & designed to survey the County anew to compleat the map in which are many defects.

May 22 (Thur.). A full Relation of two Journeys, the one into the
 20 mainland of France; the other into some of the adjacent islands. Performed and digested into six books, by Peter Heylin. Lond: 1656, 4°. A scarce book. I paid 5 s. for it, tho' a little imperfect, lately.

May 23 (Fri.). On Monday last I received from Mr. Edward Burton his MS. Copy that he lends me of the MSS. notes which he calls Selden's upon Dion Chrysostome, which are entered in a printed Copy of Chrysostome in Selden's Library.

May 24 (Sat.). Dr. Grabe used much to commend the Apocryphal books of Scripture, yet so as that they should have no competition with those most holy writings. He would often recommend the primitive

May 22, 1735. R. Mead to H. (Rawl. 15. 158). Sends 15 guineas for the copies of Benedictus Abbas. Will subscribe for Joannes Beverus &c. 'I am glad to find by your last account of your illness, that though the weakness of the Part continues, your Pains are not so bad; I hope by degrees they will be quite removed. Pray give my most humble service to Dr. Frewin, and when he thinks proper, if he will be pleased to favour me with the circumstances and alterations in your Indisposition, I shall most readily joyne my opinion to his.'

May 22, 1735. H. to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41. 33). Sends Benedictus Abbas. 'I shall write to Mr. Bell soon, but being not yet well, I must avoid involving myself in business, and therefore you will be pleased to excuse me in the affair of the book you mention, especially since I have found more trouble from the concerns I have had with this Gentleman, than from any one else I have had to deal with, occasioned, I believe, in good measure, from the distance and scituation of our habitations.'¹

May 24, 1735. E. Burton to H. (Rawl. 3. 188). By last Monday's coach he sent H. a guinea. That no receipt has been sent 'according to your

¹ The handwriting is firm and regular.—Ed.

doctrine contained in them, yet so ¹ as to encourage or zealously promote any thing otherwise in them.

May 25 (Whitsunday). Mr. Burton observes in his letter of the 17th that Dr. Smith has committed a fault in his transcript of Josseline's Catalogue of Authors printed at the end of my Robert de Avesbury, relating to John Bever; for where he reads it Joannes Riberius, Mr. Josseline's original MS. has Fiberius very plainly.

N.B. I took notice of that mistake formerly myself. 'Twas not Dr. Thomas Smith's.

May 26 (Mon.). The Oxford Ringers are gone over this Whitsuntide ¹⁰ to Warwick to ring the fine ten bells there, having been invited over to that purpose.

May 27 (Tu.). This day died old Mrs. Newland aged near 80 widow of the late Mr. James Newland, one of the yeomen Beadles of the Univ. of Oxford. She died in Holywell.

May 28 (Wed.). Some days since died of an Apoplexy Mr. Docawra, lately student of Christ Church. He was minister some few miles from Oxford. He was upwards of 50 & had been a facetious, merry companion.

May 29 (Thur.). Mrs. Kenwick, a widow woman, a mercer near ²⁰ Cairfax in Oxford, a woman of a good fair character.² She hath a son a Clergyman, who was curate to Dr. William Stratford, lately Chanon of Christ Church Oxford.

May 30 (Fri.). One Aaron a Portuguese Jew hath resided with a wife & children a great while, before which he had lived a good wile (*sic*) and taught Hebrew at Dublin, having the character of being well skilled, but with respect to principles he is but indifferently qualified and 'tis feared he does much mischief.

May 31 (Sat.). I hear the Oxford Ringers rang this Whitsuntide ³⁰ above 30,000 changes excellently well at Warwick.

punctuality, gives me great uneasiness. Pray, let me know whether you have received it.'

May 24, 1735. William Brome to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 19. 27). 'I can only tell you my last account of Mr. Hearne was, he was in a very declining condition & was troubled with a Diarrhoea. I had otherwise wrote to him for a Parma Equest. Dodw., but in this condition not thought proper to trouble him.'

May 31, 1735. William Brome to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 19. 30). 'I heard last post from Mr. Hearne; he wrote me advice that he had sent me Benedictus Abbas. He says of himself:—I have of late been much indisposed with great pains, & am not yet well. And has advertised another book viz. Joannes Beverus &c. One with me from Oxford this week tells me he has

¹ Probably Hearne meant to write 'yet not so, &c.'

² Hearne's strength was failing; he forgets to give the verb, and he is uncertain whether the character was *good* or *fair*.

June 1 (Sun.). Mr. James West called upon me this afternoon in his return out of Worcestershire to London. He told me Mr. Thomas Ward of Warwick has a fine collection of books, which I can easily believe, especially in our English Histories and Antiquities.

June 2 (Mon.).

June 3 (Tu.).

June 4 (Wed.).

[*Hearne only gives the dates ; he died June 10*]

a Diarrhoea, drinks Ale, bad for it ; & thinks he will not recover. Dr. Mede has offered to meet him half way, but T. H. cannot or will not accept of the favour. He, you know, is a *valde vult* man.'

May 31, 1735. Thomas Rawlins to H. (Rawl. 9. 21). 'I am very sorry that you are in so bad a state of health. I heartily wish your recovery, if it pleases the Divine Providence so to order it. . . . Your friend, Mr. Brome was the first that informed me of it, and since Mr. West confirmed it. I know that you have magnanimity of spirit sufficient patiently to resign yourself to him that created you for that end, and that your last moments may prove easy & comfortable to you is the sincere prayer of your faithfull, humble servant, Thomas Rawlins.

P.s. If you please to order my books to be sent by Geo. Watts the carrier, as soon as conveniently you can. Mr. West told me he had received his a fortnight agoe.'

June 1, 1735. J. Loveday at York to H. (Rawl. 7. 186). 'I am very desirous to hear from you ; if the Prayers and best wishes of your friends can prevail, you will send me good tidings concerning your health. Favour me with a line or two forthwith, directed to me to be left till called for at the Post Office in Northampton.' Has visited Wakefield and Leeds.

June 3, 1735. Cuthbert Constable at Devonshire St., London, to H. (Rawl. 14. 88). Will send the money for Benedictus, and will be a subscriber to John Bever's Chronicle. Mentions the death of Dr. Howardin. 'His sickness and death was suitable to his life, truly Christian and resigned. I was about a fortnight agoe at Mr. Bacon's. I heard there you was much indisposed in an intermitting fever, and woud take no advice. I hope neither of these reports were true, but if they were, I hope your changing your mind in the latter will sett you right as to the first, there being a more certain remedy for an intermitting fever than for any other distemper.'

June 5, 1735. Baker to H. (Rawl. 23. 169). 'I am sorry to find by your letter that you are not yet well. It is some satisfaction to me to hear you have the best Advice. I hope you will follow it. I can only help you with my Prayers, which you will always have. We have such a book at Bennet College, as you mention, printed on one side ; but tho' I have enquired for it of late I could not meet with it, & so cannot give a full account. Everard Digbie's book I have, but being a little thing, I can not readily go to it, as I have some other things by him. He was a learned man, but (as his Patron) Popishly affected. He is said to have been Father to Sir Everard Digby, executed for having been a Party in the Gunpowder Plot, which he could not be, unless he was married, whilst he was Fellow of St. John's College, as I much suspect he was. He was warm in his Temper & that made him troublesome in the College. I wrote to Mr. William Bedford some time ago, to pay you four guineas & a half guinea, for Dr. Dickings, Dr. Zachary Grey & myself, for your next book, which, I doubt not, he has done ere this. . . . I will not expect or desire long letters from you. One line of your Health will be enough.'

June 26, 1735. Thomas Rawlins to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 41.

102). 'I am very sorry for the loss of our dear friend Mr. Hearne. Mr. West not long since told me there would be another person who would publish MSS. in the same manner as Mr. Hearn has done, which I shall be very glad of.'

Aug. 20, 1735. William Brome to George Ballard (Ballard MS. 41. 40). 'Part of a Letter from a certain Prelate [i.e. Dr. Tanner]:—T. H. had his death stroke the day I left Oxford. I visited him in his illness; and sent often to him what I thought might be agreeable in his condition and he could not conveniently have at Edmund Hall. I never entered into any discourse with him about his Temporal Affairs, or making his Will, which I thought he was so considerate a man as to settle before his decline. I was in hopes that he had saved out of the kindness of his Benefactors and the profit of his Printing some little matter; but was surprized to hear of this great sum found after his Decease. I am glad to hear that his MSS. collections are fallen into the hands of a prudent Gentleman; for tho' I doubt not but that among them there are many usefull memoirs and historical notes, yet you know this friend of ours had some peculiarities, all which would not be perhaps for his credit to be made publick. I am truly concerned for the loss his Friends and the Publick have in the death of so industrious a man & faithfull Editor. I am glad he has ordered some of his curiosities for the Place he once loved, the Bodleyan Library. I would willingly have offered him the best of my assistance as a Minister during his Decline, but knowing his way of thinking, thought I should not be accepted. However I was sorry to hear he declined the Prayers of also a Nonjuring Clergyman; and by allowing a Popish Priest to be with him alone for two hours 3 or 4 days before he died, has given occasion to talk. My old friend Ant. Wood, how much soever some counted him a Papist, had the Prayers of our Church read to him by me and another Clergyman twice a day, and received the Sacrament on his death-bed with seemingly great devotion. Thus the Bishop. This, Dear Sir, I have thought fit to communicate to one from whom I apprehend no ill use of it to the Bishop and others. It may seem perhaps extraordinary that our friend should refuse of Nonjuring Clergy; but I am well satisfied he had objections against that Clergyman for some compliances, & I may really believe he adhered to the last to the strict Cyprianic Principles. The many favourable expressions as to the Ch: of England, its Bishops &c., incline me to judge thus charitably of him. The emissaries of the Ch: of Rome are very busie, when our senses and faculties decline.'

Aug. 23, 1735. Thomas Baker to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 30. 3). 'I thank you for your account of the loss of our common Friend & heartily condole with you upon that melancholy occasion & for the common loss, not only to you and me, but more to the Public. I often cautioned him against fatiguing himself too much & overloading his constitution, but he was not to be advised, and so he dies a Martyr to Antiquities.'

Oct. 19, 1735. Thomas Baker to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 30. 5). 'The account you send of Mr. Hearne, I had received before from good hands, & yet am unwilling to believe it, tho' his acquaintance & correspondencies makes it suspicious. By a Letter I had last Post, I am told that Prelate,¹ whom you do not name, is following Mr. Hearne very fast.'

Dec. 6, 1735. Thomas Baker to George Ballard (Ball. MS. 30. 7). 'What you have been told of our Friend Mr. Hearne having wrote his own life, is very true, for I have seen and perused it, under his own hand. But if you have been informed that it will be shortly printed, I dare venture to say, your Informer is mistaken. The worthy person, in whose hands it is lodged, will have more reasons than one, against publishing it in hast; and if you see it in print, it must be in a stolen edition, tho' I hope no copy was taken before it came into the hands of my Friend.'

¹ i.e. Bp. Tanner.

AN ACCOUNT OF HEARNE'S DEATH

(Rawl. 32. 97)

A copy of a letter from John Loveday Esq., dated Oct. 9, to Dr. Tanner, Bishop of St. Asaph, communicated to Richard Rawlinson by post, Oct. 22, 1735. 'My Lord, I'm very glad that your Lordship is arrived safe at Oxford. . . . I did imagine that you would soon hear the common report concerning Mr. Hearne's exit, of which I will faithfully relate the very truth. That he refused the Principal's ministerial office, no one wonders at but the Principal himself, who has been a main instrument in spreading the common report. As to his not admitting Mr. Ball, the Nonjuring Clergyman, I have no more to say than this, that (to my
10 certain knowledge) Ball was a man, that Mr. Hearne had very little personal regard for. But, as to the admitting of Sir Fr. Curzon's preist (*sic*), I have something to say, that, I trust, comes up to the point. My friend dyed on June 10. I came to Oxford on the 13th. Hearing the common report and willing to be satisfyed of the truth or falsity of it, I applyed to Johnson, Manciple of Edmund Hall, who attended him in his illness. On June 15 I made a memorandum from Johnson's mouth:—June 15, on this day three weeks or month Sir Fr. Curzon's preist was with Mr. Hearne about one hour and half; afterwards Mr. Hearne seemed very uneasy and cholerick and as if he had been in
20 a great passion; he slept no more that afternoon, as usual. On another day I made the following memorandum also from Johnson's mouth. Ever since Johnson knew Mr. Hearne, the latter used to read the Psalms and Lessons for the day, according to the Liturgy and Rubricks of the Church of England; and for the last fortnight of his life, he being very weak, Mr. Johnson did at his request often read the Psalms and Lessons to him. Johnson never saw the Preist in the room ever since Mr. Powell of Sandford's death, till this time. Before Powell's death, he [the Preist] has been there sometimes to carry away books subscribed for, but was never known to stay. I doubt not but Johnson is ready to vouch the
30 same to any one that enquires of him. Now, I would beg leave to observe, that in all probability the Priest might come with a view of reconciling Mr. Hearne to the Church of Rome, as it has been usual for them to make their application to persons in a weak condition, and as usual to brag of their success, however they speeded, and as Mr. Hearne absented himself from the publick churches, and his notions with regard to Politics tallyed with those of the Papists, this might give the Priest (tho' so very slightly acquainted with him) the more assurance to attack him. I would observe farther that Mr. Hearne, for a very considerable time before he died, dozed most part of the day. As I came thro'
40 Oxford on May 19, I found him in that condition. Now had this Priest actually administered to him, I presume that the satisfaction of mind upon

having received the *viaticum* would naturally (in the condition he was in) have afforded him a serene repose ; to be sure, no reason can be assigned why it should so immoderately have ruffled his temper, as Johnson testifies. In truth, it looks as if the Priest had been attacking him and that too my good friend had withstood his attacks and with more than common zeal defended the Protestant religion. As for the doors being locked, when the Priest was there, 'twas no more (your Lordship and all Mr. Hearne's acquaintance know) than what was usual at his room. I humbly submit this to your consideration, being in my own mind most assured that Mr. Hearne dyed a true Protestant. I am persuaded that 10 for some years before his death, few knew his sentiments more intimately with regard to most particulars than myself, for he was always very open to me and without reserve. From the uniform tenor of his conversation, and from what I have above offered to your Lordship, I presume to think that the Principal, Mr. Ball, and the other reporters, have not in this matter acted the Christian part, so well as Mr. Hearne ever did the staunch Protestant.'¹

HEARNE'S WILL

(Rawl. 32. 98)

In the Name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Hearne, Master of Arts of the University of Oxford, being of perfect mind and memory, make and ordain this my last Will and Testament (all written with my own hand) 20 in manner and forme following, revoking all other wills by me formerly made. Inprimis, I commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it me, trusting to be saved by the alone meritts of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. And for my body, I commend it to the Earth and desire it may be buried in a Christian and decent manner, but, as best becomes Dust and Ashes, in a plain humble manner, in the church-yard in the parish in which I happen to dy. Item as touching the distribution of my worldly goods and effects, I dispose of them as followeth. First I give and bequeath to Mr. William Bedford of London, son of my late friend Mr. Hilckiah Bedford, all the MSS. and other books that Mr. 30 Thomas Smith left me and are standing together in a Press, with this request that he would punctually observe what I have written at the beginning of some of them. Also I give and bequeath unto the said Mr. William Bedford all MSS. of my own Collection and Writing and all printed Books by me collated with MSS. or that have MSS. notes of mine in them. Item I give to the said Mr. William Bedford all my other MSS. whatsoever now in my possession. Item I give to the said Mr. William Bedford my box or cabinet of coins, medals and other things contained in it. Item, I do hereby make, ordain, constitute and appoint my two Brothers, William and Edmund Hearne and my sister Anne Hearne, the 40 wife of Thomas Field of Woburne in Bucks, joint executors of this my last Will and Testament, to whom I give and bequeath all the rest of my

¹ This letter is printed in the Life of Hearne, App. II (Lives of Leland, Hearne and Wood, 1772).

Goods and Effects whatsoever not herein mentioned to be equally divided between them (share and share alike) desiring that they would all three lovingly agree together and take effectual care that what I have given to Mr. William Bedford be most faithfully delivered to him and not exposed to the view of others; and my Will further is, First that Mr. Bedford would take especial care of the MSS. and Books I have bequeathed to him, particularly of Dr. Smith's and of those written, collated and noted by myself, so that they be all kept together, and that they fall into none but good hands; Secondly that Mr. Bedford would act the part of
 10 a Supervisor or Overseer of this my last Will and Testament and assist my Executors to the best of his power, in which, as I rely upon his prudence & conduct, so at the same time I hope they will readily follow his advice. In Witness of all which, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and twenty nine, Thomas Hearne; signed, sealed and declared in the presence of Andrew Hanly sen., Andrew Hanly jun.

My Brother William being dead, I give all his share to his only child, my nephew Thomas Hearne, born after the making of the above-written Will; and I charge my two surviving executors, Edmund and Elizabeth¹
 20 not to wrong him. Thomas Hearne, Dec. 30, 1731.

I desire no other Epitaph than this:—Here lyes the body of Thomas Hearne M.A. who studied and preserved Antiquities. He died 1734,² aged 54 years. Deut. xxxii. 7 'Remember the days of old, consider the years of many Generations, ask thy father, and he will shew thee, thy Elders and they will teach thee.' Job. viii. 8, 9, 10, 'Inquire I pray thee.'

¹ He must mean 'Anne'.

² Hearne was baptized July 11, 1678; so in the Life published in 1772. He could not be 54 years old in 1734.

APPENDIX

HEARNE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The Autobiography of Hearne which Mr. Baker said he had seen (p. 463) is no doubt Rawl. MS. D. 1002, a small volume of the same size as the diaries that Hearne kept. It contains 122 pages, of which the last 46 are blank. To judge from the handwriting, it was composed as far as page 50 about the year 1722, while the last section (pp 55-75) deals with the injury done to Hearne in 1730, when a letter of his once written to Mr. Cherry, about the lawfulness of taking the Oaths, was deposited in the Bodleian, and soon after was printed by his enemies. On pages 76 and 77 are two paragraphs written in 1733 and 1734.

This volume as far as p. 55 has been printed in the *Lives of Leland, Hearne and Wood* (Oxford, 1772); the remainder was omitted 'because it consisted chiefly of Mr. Hearne's private sentiments, which were expressed with such a degree of Acrimony, as could not be pleasing to the Reader'; but the modern reader is less sensitive and may find it not displeasing.

The MSS. above-mentioned of Mr. Cherry,¹ laid by for Mr. Hearne, having never been put into Mr. Hearne's hands, they were not therefore sealed up and writ upon, as Mr. Cherry had directed they should be, if they had been (as Mr. Cherry designed) put into his hands.

Mr. Hearne, being not able to prevail with Madam Cherry, to have the said MSS., thought she had parted with them a good while ago, especially 20 since she told him on Aug. 8, 1722 above-mentioned, that she would sell them, & he offered himself to become a Purchaser, begging nevertheless at the same time, that however she disposed of them, she would be pleased to return, or else destroy all Letters & Papers of his in her hands, which she readily enough consented to do. Accordingly soon after, viz. on Jan. 11, 1722, she returned to him many letters he had wrote to Mr. Cherry but then a very silly thing of Mr. Hearne's, for so Mr. Hearne used to stile it, consisting of several Sheets of Paper,² & written by way of Letter to a Nonjuror, but neither to Mr. Cherry, as indeed it was not, nor to any other particular person by name, concerning the Oath of Allegi- 30 ance, was not among them, whence he concluded, that it had been quite destroyed, and never afterwards concerned himself about either this, or any other of his Papers, that he had either sent or communicated to Mr. Cherry. But being told on Dec. 25, 1729, that a Parcel of MSS., which had belonged to Mr. Cherry, was either given, or about to be given, to the Bodleian Library, together with Mr. Cherry's picture, and that among them was a MS. of Mr. Hearne's, Mr. Hearne was upon that so much surprized, that the next day, being Dec. 26, he wrote to Mr. Henry

¹ See p. 24 of the *Life of Hearne* (1772), where Hearne describes a conversation with Mr. Cherry about Mr. Cherry's MSS.

² Now Cherry MS. 7 (= Bodl. MS. 9781), consisting of 108 pages.

Frinsham, Vicar of White Waltham near Maidenhead in Berks, who had married the youngest of Mr. Cherry's daughters, to know the truth thereof. Upon which Mr. Frinsham wrote him word by Letter, dated from White Waltham Jan. 4, 1729, that his mother, Madam Cherry, gave them by Will to the Bodleian Library, that they were sent to Oxford, some time ago, and that Mr. Sam. Parker, as he had been informed, first put it into his mother Cherry's head, to send them, adding that himself was no more in it than Mr. Hearne was, and perhaps disliked the Disposal of them in that manner as much as he did.

- 10 Upon receipt of which Letter, Mr. Hearne went immediately to Mr. Fysher, the Head Keeper of the Bodleian Library, and found it to be too true; and thereupon Mr. Hearne told him, that the MS. of his was his own, that he never gave it away, but claimed it as his own, & desired it might be restored to him. Mr. Fysher spoke very kindly, judged it very reasonable, said the MSS. were not either catalogued or numbered, & yet, the Vice-Chancellor, & Dr. Dobson, and Mr. Wise, & Mr. Samuel Parker &c. having been present, at the opening of the Box, and this MS. of his (which is a Letter consisting of many Sheets) being one of the first that appeared, & being particularly noted by all of them, he said it could not
- 20 be done without the Vice-Chancellor. After this Mr. Hearne went to Mr. Parker and shewed him Mr. Frinsham's Letter. He could not deny that he gave the advice, but in excuse, he said he knew not what the MSS. were when he gave the advice, which shews his weakness the more, in pretending to give his advice, before he knew what the Things were. Besides, what aggravates his crime is, that when he knew and saw this Thing, he said not the least word about it to Mr. Hearne, who however had met him and discoursed him several times, & 'tis believed Mr. Hearne had been always ignorant for Mr. Parker, had not he understood it from other Hands; so little hath Mr. Parker acted the part of a Friend. The
- 30 MSS. had been sent some considerable time before Mr. Hearne knew any Thing of the Benefaction; yet when he did know of it, he found that none were either catalogued or numbered, & so it might easily have been restored, tho' indeed had it been both catalogued and numbered, it would have been very unjust to withhold it, since it was no one's but Mr. Hearne's, & he utterly declined & refused to dispose of it any otherwise than to the Flames.

- Mr. Fysher, being highly sensible of the Injury done Mr. Hearne, waited upon the Vice-Chancellor & represented the matter to him, who said it was very reasonable, that the MS. Letter should be restored him.
- 40 On Fri. Jan. 9, in the morning, Mr. Hearne went again to Mr. Fysher, who told him he would go again to the Vice-Chancellor, not doubting now of success. The same day in the Evening, after his Return from his Country Walk, Mr. Hearne called upon Mr. Parker, who told him that he and Mr. Wise of Trinity had both been, tho' not together, that day with the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Parker to get the Letter restored to him, as he said, but Mr. Wise, 'tis very likely to hinder it. Mr. Parker told Mr. Hearne, the best way would be for him to write to Mr^{rs}. Anne Cherry, the eldest of Mr. Cherry's daughters, who had consulted Mr. Parker, and took his Advice, about sending the MSS. to Oxford. Mr. Hearne from hence
- 50 began to think the Vice-Chancellor had altered his mind.

The next day, being Saturday Jan. 10, Mr. Hearne waited himself upon the V-Chancellor, whom he found to be against restoring it to him, notwithstanding Mr. Hearne made it clear to him, that it belonged to no one else but himself, that he had never given it to Mr. Cherry or to any one else, & that consequently no one but himself had a right to dispose of it. Leaving the V-Chancellour, just as he had passed through Magd. Coll. he met Mr. Parker, to whom he told what the Vice-Chancellour said, whereupon Mr. Parker replied, the best way would be to write to Mr. Anne Cherry, and to desire her to intercede by letter with the Vice-Chancellour. In the evening of the same day, Mr. Fysher called upon 10 Mr. Hearne at Edmund Hall, and told him he was just come from the Vice-Chancellour, who (as he now found) had altered his mind, and he believed some officious spitefull Fellow had been with him, and influenced him to it. Mr. Hearne told him, Mr. Parker and Mr. Wise had been with the Vice-Chancellour the day before, and he thought that Wise might do it. Mr. Hearne told Mr. Fysher, he designed to write to Mr. Anne Cherry, the person who had sent the Books to the University. Mr. Fysher said, if any thing would do, this would. The next day therefore (being Sunday) Mr. Hearne wrote the following letter to her.

To Mrs. Anne Chery at Beaconsfield in Bucks, or if not there to 20 be sent where she is.

Madam,

I am very sorry to find, what I had lately heard to be true, that among the MSS. of my late best Friend your Father, not long since given to the Bodleian Library, there is one of mine, written by me by way of Letter thirty years ago, about the Oath of Allegiance. It consists of several sheets and is bound up. I only lent it to your Father, and desired that he would restore it to me again; but upon his not doing it (which was occasioned, I suppose, through forgetfulness) not a great while before his death, I requested that he would be pleased either to return 30 to me all private Papers (such as this MS. is) of mine in his hands, or else destroy them. After his Death I made the same Request to your Mother, who was pleased thereupon to return me many letters I had wrote to him, but this long letter I am speaking of was neither returned nor destroyed, but sent, to my great concern, to the Bodleian Library. Now as I never gave it away but only lent it, & whereas 'tis a very childish silly performance (done when I was very young) and by no means fit for any Library, I humbly request, that it may be forthwith restored to me (that I may immediately commit it to the Flames) in order to which I beg, that you would be pleased to write presently to Mr. Vice-Chancellour at Magdalen 40 College, and signify to him that it is mine, and that it was sent with the other MSS. by mistake, whereas it ought in justice to have been restored to me. I am so far from having a copy of it, that I have not so much as one single line thereof, nor can I tell what 'tis, only that it treats of the Oath of Allegiance, and, as I remember, is wrote in such a manner as I by no means approve of.¹ I look upon the disposing of it to the Library as

¹ The argument of the Essay is that in the taking and refusing of oaths the guiding principle should be the good of the whole country, and that for this reason the Oath

one of the greatest Injuries that could be done me, and the keeping of it there among your Father's MSS. I fear will tend very much to the lessening of his Reputation. I repeat my Request, that you would write immediately to the Vice-Chancellour, by which you will much oblige, Madam,

Your most humble servant,

Tho: Hearne.

Edmund Hall
Oxford.

10 Jan. xi, 1729.

But Mr. Hearne being afraid least (*sic*) that Letter, which he sent by the Coach, should miscarry, especially if she should happen not to be at Beaconsfield, the next day he sent another by the Windsor Carrier, to be lodged at Mr. Frinsham's, where Mr. Wright of Oxford's family had told him she very probable was, if she were not at Beaconsfield, a copy of which second Letter shall be here likewise inserted.

[A letter similar to the last, but dated Jan. 12.]

P.S. I fear there are other things that were sent, that it will not be proper should be kept among your Father's MSS. and should
20 therefore be returned you, tho' surely nothing can be so mean as my Letter I have been speaking of, which is meer Trash, such as no Library, much less such a famous one as the Bodleian Library, ought to be stuffed with.

What Mr. Hearne insinuated in the Postscript to the second of these letters, about other things not proper to be placed in the Library is too true, there being among the MSS. *Systema Logicae* in two 4^{to} volumes, worth just nothing, one of Mr. Hearne's transcripts (for I took two) of Mr. Dodwell's *Paraenesis*, his transcript of Sir Hen. Spelman's *History of Sacrilege*, both which being printed are not only wast paper, as
30 is also wast paper a transcript among them of the Testaments of the XII Patriarchs, which Dr. Grabe published, to say nothing of some others of them.

Mr^{rs}. Anne Cherry, as soon as she received Mr. Hearne's first letter, wrote to Mr. Samuel Parker (for she did not think fit to write to the Vice-Chancellour himself) and inclosed Mr. Hearne's letter in it. Mr. Parker shewed Mr. Hearne both on Thursday night Jan. 15. She excused herself from writing to the Vice-Chancellour but however desired, that if it could be done, Mr. Hearne's MS. should be restored to him. 'Twas in the evening that Mr. Parker shewed her letter to Mr. Hearne, and the next
40 day (being Friday) Mr. Parker went with both the Letters to the Vice-Chancellour, who being busy, he sent both letters in to him, and left them with him. The day following (being Saturday) Jan. 17, Mr. Parker waited again upon the Vice-Chancellour, & in his Return home called upon Mr. Hearne, & told him, the Vice-Chancellour said, the MS. could not be restored him, which is what Mr. Hearne expected, having before found that the V. Chancellour had changed his mind, which change perhaps may in some measure be owing to Mr. Parker himself, who had the of Allegiance should be taken; a wise line to adopt but purely Whiggish, and equally applicable to the Oath of Abjuration.—ED.

confidence now to tell Mr. Hearne, that he did not see how it could be restored to him, notwithstanding he knew full well, that neither Mr. Cherry, not his widow, nor any one else, had a right to dispose of it, besides Mr. Hearne. Besides, it was not as yet either numbered or catalogued, & no scruple used formerly to be made, about returning foolish silly private Papers, such as this is, & not to disgrace the Library with them, and that even when the several parties had parted with their Right to them; which is not the present case, Mr. Hearne insisting upon his Right to it, & protesting against keeping it in the Bodleian Library or in any other place, but desiring that it may be burnt. But Mr. Parker appeared here likewise an Enemy, or at least very weak, because when Mr. Hearne first talked with him about this Affair, which was when he shewed him Mr. Frinsham's letter, he said, that his letter ought not to be kept in the Library, but be destroyed, being just what Mr. Hearne himself said, whereas, on the contrary, now Mr. Parker not only said, he did not see how it could be restored, but added also, that he was not for having it any way destroyed; such is the changableness of the man, just like his Father.

What could influence Mr. Parker to act thus, but pure Enmity, or at least great weakness? There is not so much as one unprejudiced Person, that commends his conduct in this respect, but all such speak of it as a complete piece of Villany, to shew such usage to Mr. Hearne, as well as a manifest and an abominable disrespect to the memory of Mr. Cherry.

But it may be, there is another thing which might induce Mr. Parker to be so much against Mr. Hearne, as he seems to have been in this matter, and that is, that Mr. Hearne was¹ of opinion, that the Schism was not closed at the Decease of the late Bp. of Norwich, Dr. Lloyd, but that the Deprived Bishops had a power of consecrating other catholick Bishops, & that such Catholick Bishops are, & indeed ought, to be looked upon as the true orthodox Bishops, and the others, who still maintain the same opinions and doctrines as are Destructive to the Church, & defend & countenance Lay-Deprivations, are schismatical Bishops. 'Twas some time before Mr. Hearne understood, that there were such Consecrations, but presently after he was convinced of the truth thereof, he did not demur about which were on the right, such as were for the Bishops that were so consecrated or the others, and he could not but be amazed, that Mr. Dodwell, in his last books, should so plainly contradict, what he had before so well proved in his *Vindication of the deprived Bishops*, in which he shewed the Independency of the Church on the State. With which notion of Mr. Dodwell's, about the Illegality of the new consecrated Bishops, several others struck in, such as Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Parker &c. and accordingly they went to the publick churches, to the great scandal of the Non-Jurors that differed (& justly too) from such sentiments, looking upon them at best as but half Non-Jurors, & even as Schismatics.

Mr. Dodwell having in his *Case in View now in Fact* allowed that the schism would have continued, had the old Bishops consecrated new ones, which new ones would then be the true orthodox Bishops, after he had finished that Book found that there really were such consecrations; which

¹ is altered to was.

pinched him so much, that thereupon he put an Appendix to it against what he had before allowed and intituled it:—*An Appendix proving that even our late invalidly deprived Fathers had no Right to substitute successors, who might legitimate the separation after that the schism had been concluded by the Decease of the last Survivor of those same Fathers.*

Mr. Dodwell was certainly a man of great Piety & Learning, and without doubt was sincere, but when this notion was advanced by him, men were very much startled, & several said, that sure he was somewhat touched in the latter part of his Life. I know he used to say, that his frequenting the publick churches, was very consistent with what he did at the beginning of the Revolution, when he did not abstain from such churches, 'till new consecrations were made, at which time the Schism commenced, and that at such times, when he frequented the publick Churches, he always shewed a dissent, when the immoral or sinfull prayers were read, and even now in his last books he alledged, that such a dissent is to be made by such as frequent the publick Churches, but cannot join in the sinfull prayers. Accordingly Mr. Parker shews,¹ by getting up and making Motions, his dissent, and others do not use to say *Amen*, what Mr. Dodwell also pleads for, and instances as a Parallel Case the
 10 Practise in K. James II's time, when, considering his Religion, they could not veraciously answer *Amen* to all the prayers, particularly this petition in the Litany 'That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy servant James, our most gracious King and Governour'.

But, alas, the case is quite different. For (besides that it was not so very notorious, that the King was not out of the true worship) there was then no schism, and consequently there was then no danger if all met, whereas after the deprivations & the new Consecrations, there was a Schism, which still plainly continues, and those that did not, & do not,
 30 acknowledge the right Heir, were and are Excommunicates, by virtue of the second Canon, which is very remarkable, and which I wish Mr. Dodwell had considered.

'Whosoever' (saith the Canon) 'shall hereafter affirm that the King's Majesty hath not the same Authority in Causes Ecclesiastical, that the godly Kings had amongst the Jews, and Christian Emperors in the Primitive Church, or impeach any part of his Royal Supremacy in the said Causes restored to the Crown, and by the Laws of this Realm therein established, let him be excommunicated *ipso facto*, and not restored, but only by the Archbishop, after his repentance and publick revocation
 40 of those his wicked Errors.'

There is no doubt but by *King* in this Canon is meant rightfull hereditary King, such as the Prince was (King James I) when the Canons were made, and of such a king it ought always to be understood. Such therefore as adhere to usurpers, and those that communicate with such adherents, are, in the sense of the Canon, schismatics, and incur *ipso facto* the sentence of excommunication, and such only are of the true Church of England as adhere to the rightfull Prince, and who those are 'tis well known, namely the Nonjurors, who decline going to the publick Churches & to join with Schismatics.

¹ As Parker died July 14, 1730, this paragraph must have been written earlier.—ED.

But not to be so severe, as to make such persons actually excommunicated (tho' the words *ipso facto* by the Canon Law will bear it) unless a sentence were pronounced, yet 'tis certain they are Schismatics, and that is sufficient, & it were to be wished that due attention were given to the Canon; and (which is very material) they are schismatics even in Mr. Dodwell's own sense, who maintained the Invalidity of Lay Deprivations. Now Dr. Francis Atterbury, Bp. of Rochester, having been deprived only by the Lay power, according to Mr. Dodwell's principles he is still Bishop, and those that adhere to him are the true Church Men, while those against him are Schismatics, an assertion which must be granted, ¹⁰ if it be considered that (as I am well assured) he hath not relinquished his Right, and is of the Principles of the true Non-Jurors, & a fast Friend to the Chevalier.¹

Some have surmized and suggested that Mr. Dodwell, Mr. Cherry, Mr. Parker &c. were in a great measure influenced to frequent the publick churches upon account of their wives and children. How true this may be I know not, but this I have heard Mr^s. Dodwell say, that all differences now about the schism and the Oaths were at end, & that she saw no reason to trouble herself any farther. Which confirms me in what I have several times thought, that 'tis owing to herself and to Madam Cherry &c. that her ²⁰ (Mr^s. Dodwell's) two sons are bred up in Principles, quite contrary to those professed by the Nonjurors.

That Mr. Parker himself is weary appears from hence, (1) that he joyns in the publick Churches with those he had before called Schismatics, and they are so still, the case being the same; (2) that he hath several times told Mr. Hearne, that he wished, that there was a Coalition, and that the Chevalier de St. George, & all other claimers in opposition to the House of Hanover, would relinquish & quit all manner of Right & Title that they have to the Crown of Great Britain. Which to do, as it would be highly weak, and a very great and sad Reflexion upon them, so it shews a very ³⁰ great weakness in Mr. Parker, & is a perfect demonstration, that he is quite weary, whereas the true steady Non-Jurors profess, that they would undergo far greater Sufferings than that there should be any such Coalition as Mr. Parker speaks of.

But tho' this be in short the Case, yet Mr. Hearne was far from being so uncharitable as to stigmatize such as went to the publick churches, well knowing that many of them were persons of great virtue & probity, & were most heartily for the Interest of the rightful Heir, and went to the publick Churches purely out of force, having no opportunity of having the service performed in any private Oratories by persons in holy Orders. ⁴⁰ Yet at the same time Mr. Hearne highly blamed and condemned those that were for a Coalition, by having the true Heir relinquish his Right.

On Sat. Jan. 24, 1729, happening to see Mr. Parker, he told Mr. Hearne he had sent back to Mr^s. Anne Cherry the first of the Letters he had written to her (for as for the other, Mr. Parker had not then seen it, that Mr. Hearne knew of).

It should have been before remembered, that Mr. Hearne, soon after he had been with the V. Chancellour accidentally met with Dr. Terry, one of

¹ Note by Hearne. 'N.B. This was written before Bishop Atterbury's death. He never relinquished his right to the last.'

the Curators of the Bodleian Library, to whom he mentioned the affair of his long Letter. The Dr. said, they had a mind to have every thing of his at the Bodleian Library, and that was all his Answer.

Which answer of Dr. Terry was so much the more observed by Mr. Hearne, because many years ago, when Dr. Hudson told the Curators (whereof Dr. Terry was one) that several of Mr. Hearne's books were wanting in the Library, Mr. Hearne offered to give at that very time whatever was wanting from his Study in the Bodleian Library, meaning not only Books published by himself, but likewise whatever else he had
10 that was not already there. But the Curators would not accept them, particularly Dr. Terry, who said *We don't want Mr. Hearne's Books.*

Tho' Mrs. Anne Cherry did not strictly (as she should have done) observe Mr. Hearne's direction, which was to signify to the V. Chancelour that the MS. was his and that 'twas sent with the other MSS. by mistake, yet fearing least she might have other childish papers of his, that might likewise be turned to an ill use, he therefore wrote another letter to her as follows :—

[A letter dated Feb. 10, asking her to destroy any letters of his that may be among her father's papers, in particular any boyish exercises such as he frequently wrote to
20 Mr. Cherry, to show what progress he was making.]

Mr. Hearne being likewise apprehensive, that some letters or other he had wrote to the famous Mr. Dodwell might likewise be turned to an ill use, tho' he had formerly given his Widow a caution, yet since Madam Cherry had acted so very weakly (to say no worse) he thought it proper to give her a fresh caution, to prevent (if possible) any such bad use. He wrote therefore to her in the following manner :—

[A letter, dated March 4, describing the injury that had been done him, and urging that more care should be taken, when Mr. Dodwell's papers were disposed of, particularly of any letters of Hearne that may be among them.]

Mr. Frinsham having, as before said, been so civil as to write to
30 Mr. Hearne & to signify the name of the person, that advised & influenced Madam Cherry to act so indiscreetly, he thought it proper after some time to make him an acknowledgment in a letter, a copy of which shall likewise be here exhibited.

[A letter to Mr. Frinsham, dated Mar. 10, pointed out the great injury that had been done to 'me and Mr. Cherry'.]

But now notwithstanding Mr. Hearne penned the said three last letters, with a design to send them to the three respective persons, yet upon better thoughts he altered his mind, & resolved not to send them at all,
40 being apprized that it would be to little or no purpose, & might be of disservice rather than of use to him, especially since Mr. Parker himself was against restoring what was Mr. Hearne's undoubted right, & perhaps had suggested things that might create prejudices both in Mrs. Dodwell & Mrs. Anne Cherry. In short he apprehended the more silence he kept, it would the more mortifie his enemies.

'Tis judged, that this and some other Things not very consistent with that Probity Mr. Parker always pretended, affected him (the said Mr. Parker) in a very great degree. For soon after he grew melancholy and

hippish, and declined so much as to fall into a dropsical distemper, of which he died on July 14, 1730.

It must be here owned that tho' the before-mentioned long letter (which was bound at Mr. Hearne's expence by old Mr. Oxlad of St. Peter's parish in the East Oxford) was only lent to Mr. Cherry, yet there was another much shorter letter that Mr. Hearne really wrote on the same subject, and sent before this to Mr. Cherry, and that with some other shorter letters, partly relating to the same affair, written to him, were truly Mr. Cherry's, and after his death his widow's, tho' she ought by virtue of her promise (provided they were in being) to have returned them to Mr. Hearne, which however she did not (there being not one of them among the letters she sent back) whence Mr. Hearne hoped they were (notwithstanding he feared they are not) destroyed. What the particulars are Mr. Hearne did not remember, he having no copies; however as they were written in his youth, he conjectured they may be far from being worthy any publick use, to which some perhaps may be ready to employ them.

Madam Cherry's Will being the chief argument insisted on for detain- ing Mr. Hearne's MS. from him, he was thereupon solicitous to get an account both of the Passage in it relating to the MSS. and of the time when the will was dated. In order to which he thought fit to write as follows to Mr. Frinsham:—

Rev. Sir,

I return you my thanks for the information you gave me about the weak advice given to Madam Cherry about her husband's MSS.; I expostulated about it with Mr. Parker, who is since dead. What I desire farther of you is, that you would be pleased to send me a copy of that clause of Madam Cherry's will that relates to the MSS., together with the date of the Will, in doing which you will farther oblige, Sir,

Your most humble servant 30

Dec. 22, 1730.

Tho. Hearne.

P.S. If you have not the Clause, be so kind as to let me know where the Will was proved.

In answer to which letter and the Post-Script to it Mr. Frinsham sent a very civil Letter, which Mr. Hearne received on Sunday Jan. 3, 1730, from whence he plainly gathered that a great Piece of Injustice had been done both to Mr. Cherry and himself, there being really no Clause in the Will relating to the MSS.; and tho' there was a private Direction, yet that ought not to have took place before Mr. Cherry's will, which was by word of mouth express that Mr. Hearne should have them, at least Mr. Hearne's own MS. that he had lent Mr. Cherry ought not to have been included among them. For better satisfaction Mr. Frinsham's intire letter shall here be inserted.

[Letter of Mr. Frinsham, Dec. 30, 1730, saying 'the Clause of the Will you enquire after, was never proved; 'twas a bye Order to the Executrix, my sister Mr^{rs}. Ann Cherry'.]

From which letter it may easily appear what little Justice hath been done either to Mr. Cherry or Mr. Hearne. What the private Direction

was does not appear in the letter. Be it what it will, if it specifies giving Mr. Cherry's MSS. (I mean those that Mr. Hearne looked over) to the Bodleian Library, 'tis against Mr. Cherry's will, who gave them expressly to Mr. Hearne. And that it may not be said, that they are not those he looked over, it may appear from what hath been noted before, that they are those very MSS. he did look over, and were altogether intended for him by Mr. Cherry.

Tho' it was clear to Mr. Hearne from Mr. Frinsham's second letter, that there is no clause about the MSS. in Madam Cherry's Will that was
 10 proved, yet for better satisfaction he procured a copy of the will from the Prerogative Office, & found what Mr. Frinsham had observed to be exactly true, that there is not the least word in it about them. This Will may be seen in one of the Volumes of Mr. Hearne's MSS. Collections.

Mr. Hearne did not think of writing farther on this score to Mr. Frinsham, but after some deliberation with himself he judged it convenient to endeavour to get better intelligence about the Clause. For which reason he wrote to him as follows:—

To the Rev. Mr. Henry Frinsham, Vicar of White-Waltham, near Maidenhead. To be left at the Post Office in Maidenhead.

20 Rev. Sir,

Tho' I was convinced by your kind Letter of Dec. 30 last (for which I thank you) that there is no Clause in Madam Cherry's Will about the MSS., yet for fuller satisfaction, I got the office examined & the will transcribed, & I find it to be most certainly true, that there is no such Clause. But now whereas you add in your Letter, that 'twas a bye order to the Executrix, I beg that you would be pleased to be at the trouble of letting me know whether that order be written by Madam Cherry's own hand or by the hand of some one else, & withall I desire that, whatever it be, a copy thereof may be transmitted to,

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Reverend Sir,

Your most humble servant,

Tho. Hearne.

P.S. My most humble service to your spouse.

Mr. Frinsham was at Farnham in Surrey, when Mr. Hearne's letter came to him; from whence however he wrote to Mr. Hearne on the 19th of the same month, signifying that the Bye Order was destroyed soon after Madam Cherry's death, from whence it may easily be gathered that it was of such a nature as not to be justified, and that they were perfectly ashamed of it. Mr. Frinsham's words are:—
 40 this to acquaint you, that the bye Order, you mention, was committed to the Flames, very soon after my mother's death, so that 'tis impossible any copy of it should ever be transmitted to you.'

Mr. Freinsham (*sic*) being a worthy Clergyman, his words ought not to be called in question, otherwise I should have believed that there never was any such bye-Order, not only on account of what Madam Cherry had in a solemn manner said to Mr. Hearne, but also because she fully knew the Will of her Husband.

On Aug. 3, 1730, Dr. Shippen, and one Mr. John Bilstone, Chaplain of All Souls College, met at Mr. George (commonly called Jolly) Ward's

Chamber in University College, and there these three concerted measures about printing Mr. Hearne's Letter, and at length Bilstone (but without adding his name) published Proposals for printing it by Subscription, notwithstanding Mr. Hearne had protested against any such thing, and notwithstanding all good men cryed against such a villanous method of proceeding. Accordingly 'twas printed by Litchfield at Oxford in 1731 and 'twas dispersed on Nov. 13 and afterwards, in that year, with *A few memorials of the life, and some observations on the writings of T. Hearne of Edmund Hall.* Presently after which came out a Letter in the Grubstreet Journal at London for Thursday Dec. 9, 1731, relating to 10 it, by whom Mr. Hearne (who never saw Bilstone's book) knew not, but it sufficiently exposes Bilstone, shewing him to be a down right Villain, as having not only misrepresented the passages he pretended to make observations upon, but to be guilty of downright forgery. As for Mr. Hearne's own Letter, there was no notice taken of it in Grubstreet, it being well known, that Mr. Hearne had disowned it as a puerile performance, not by any means fit to be preserved, and in particular not owning it, as printed without his liberty by such a scoundrel as Bilstone, who has such a stock of Impudence, as not to scruple forging and altering any thing. Indeed he and his two assistants are judged to be the most 20 impudent members of the whole University, notwithstanding they be all three Clergymen. All persons whatsoever speak against them for this work, by which they have exposed themselves in the most flagrant manner. Bilstone pleads getting of money to be his only motive for publishing this book, and the same reason is given by the most wicked highway man and pick-pocket. In short every one was shocked at this affair, and 'tis hardly credible how Bilstone and his assistants and abettors were scouted; among which assistants another Clergyman, viz. Mr. Francis Wise, Bach. of Divinity and Fellow of Trinity College ought (as I have been credibly informed) to be reckoned. That which shocked the more 30 was this that Wise and Bilstone eat Mr. Hearne's bread at the Bodleian Library, being the two persons that intruded into what Mr. Hearne legally enjoyed there.

The book not selling, but being universally condemned, 'tis incredible how much vexed Bilstone (who took his Bed upon it) and his Promoters were on that account. Many sneering Advertisements were published by I know not whom. In one of these Advertisements 'twas signified that eight hundred copies of Bilstone's Book were printed, & being then very near sold, another Letter of Mr. Hearne's would be printed written before the former, & would be given away to those that encouraged the former, 40 & many more Memoirs of his Life & Writings would be likewise printed with it, which new Advertisement also enraged Bilstone & his friends, it being a plain Argument of their being brought to their last Shifts, and that it was a sneer upon them for their Folly and Imprudence, as well as for their Disappointment in not reaping the Profit they aimed at.

As no one doubts of Dr. Shippen's acting in the publication of this book (tho' when he found how 'twas decryed he denied it), so it appeared too visible that Dr. Butler himself, the Vice-Chancellor was a very great Countenancer of it, tho' he was out of Town (& Shippen left Provice-chancellor) at the very time it was published.

And indeed it must be observed that Dr. Shippen was very busy with Dr. Butler at that very time that Butler had promised (tho' he afterwards broke his promise) that the MS. should be restored to Mr. Hearne.

But not only Shippen denied his having a hand in this affair, but even Mr. Ward of University, especially when they saw how all considerate people whatsoever condemned the performance, and that what they aimed at did not succeed. Insomuch that now Shippen laboured all he could to clear himself, as did likewise Ward, both making solemn Protestations, & using strange Expressions, of their being innocent, at the same time that
 10 it was sufficiently well known, that both were guilty, and Shippen, to encourage the matter, subscribed for many Copies, as did also some others by Shippen's and Ward's contrivance; so that Abbat, a bookbinder of Oxford, bragged lately (Sept. 19, 1732), what a number he had bound in the Duke of Beaufort's Family, where he often binds, with which Doctor Shippen, Dennison & Ward are very great.

But now after all, tho' Mr. Hearne usually called the Letter a very silly Thing, yet it was commonly said, that in it was great Reading, Skill and Judgment shewed, far beyond his years, and some declared, that they de-
 20 fied any one in the University of so tender an age to compile such a Tract. Notwithstanding which Mr. Hearne quite neglected it, & did not judge it at all proper to be placed among his genuine Works, considering the Villany used in the publication of it.

On Thursday Nov. 2, 1732, died Mr. William Mussendine who had succeeded Mr. Hearne as Superior Beadle of Civil Law and hereupon new overtures were made to Mr. Hearne to be Beadle again, but he absolutely declined, the same reasons with respect to the Oaths being now as strong as ever; so Mr. Herb. Beaver of Corpus Christi College was elected at two Clock in the Afternoon on Friday Nov. 3.

On Thursday, the 2nd of August 1733, died of a very violent Fever,
 30 at Bramer in Hampshire, at Mr. Dodington Grevile's, the foresaid Mr. George Ward, one of Bilstone's Assistants. He died on the second day of his Illness. He was a man of uncommon Boldness, and therefore a fit person to be made a Tool of by designing, knavish men.

Bilston, that is before spoken of, to shew his Villany the more, in the beginning of the year 1734 wrote a most villanous scandalous libell, which he stuck or caused to be stuck up upon Cairfax Conduit in Oxford, on purpose to sully & ruin the Reputation of one Mr. Tipping, a Gentleman of a very great Character for his charity and liberality to the poor in Oxford and elsewhere, so that he hath kept several from starving, he
 40 delighting to do good, & he is enabled to do it by being single, having never been married. He hath lived in Oxford many years, but this vile Fellow of Bilston endeavoured to blast his Reputation purely because he did what he could to serve Matthew Skinner Esq., Serjeant at Law, in the Election of Members of Parliament for the City of Oxon in the said year 1734. Bilston was agreed on all hands to be the Author of the Libell and 'twas said to be written at Mr. Nibb's, Mayor of Oxon, one night at 12 Clock, Nibb being also violently against the Serjeant. But notwithstanding all this, the Serjeant carried his Point, his Antagonist James Dawkins Esq. desisting before the day of Election, and so the Serjeant was elected very
 50 honourably. The malice shewed on this occasion to Mr. Tipping

encreased rather than diminished his Reputation, as the malice also shewed to Mr. Hearne which was often spoke of during this Struggle proved to make him more esteemed than before, to the great confusion of his Enemies, whereof one was reported to be Dr. Shippen, an avowed enemy to Serjeant Skinner.

[At the end of the Volume.]

Aug. 3, 1730. Meeting

Oct. 8, 1730. At night Fysher

Nov. 11, 1730. Fr. Gwyn

1730. A little after the visitation Dr. Pardoe. 10

1730, Jan. 21. Wellesey¹ talked with me about Bilstone's treason and said 'twas much to my honour.

1731, June 23. Andrews asked what Bilstone was printing at Litchfield's.

1731, Nov. 14. Loveday told me of the publication ; the V-Chancellor out of Town.

1731, Dec. 17. Powell told me in the Gravel Walk, as I met him when I came from walking, that 'twas more deeply laid than either Shippen, Ward or Bilstone, that Bilstone was a goodnatured man & that he was 20 well acquainted with him.

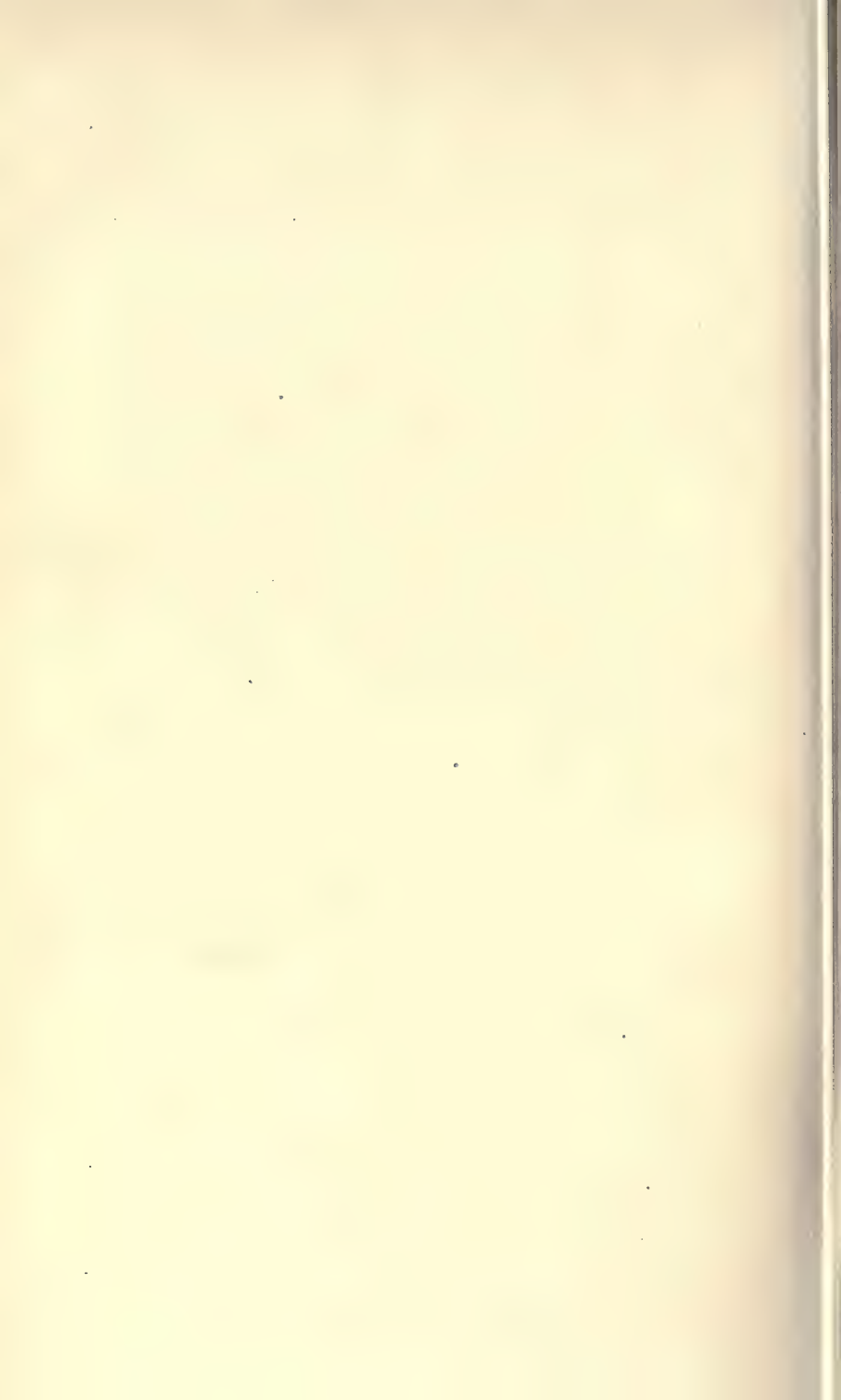
Sunday Jan. 2, 1731. Brown Willis with me.

Wed. Feb. 3, 1731. Crynes from Shippen.

Mon. Feb. 7, 1731. Loveday told me the V. Chancellor, Dr. Butler was going or gone to Town. He went Feb. 10, Thursday.

May 24, Wed., 1732. Mr. Browne of University told me of a Letter from Mr. William Smith to Mr. Marshall of their College relating to B. of All Souls, desiring B. to forbear further publishing till he hears from him. 30 He takes B. to be a great man.

¹ The writing is indistinct. Does he mean John Wesley?



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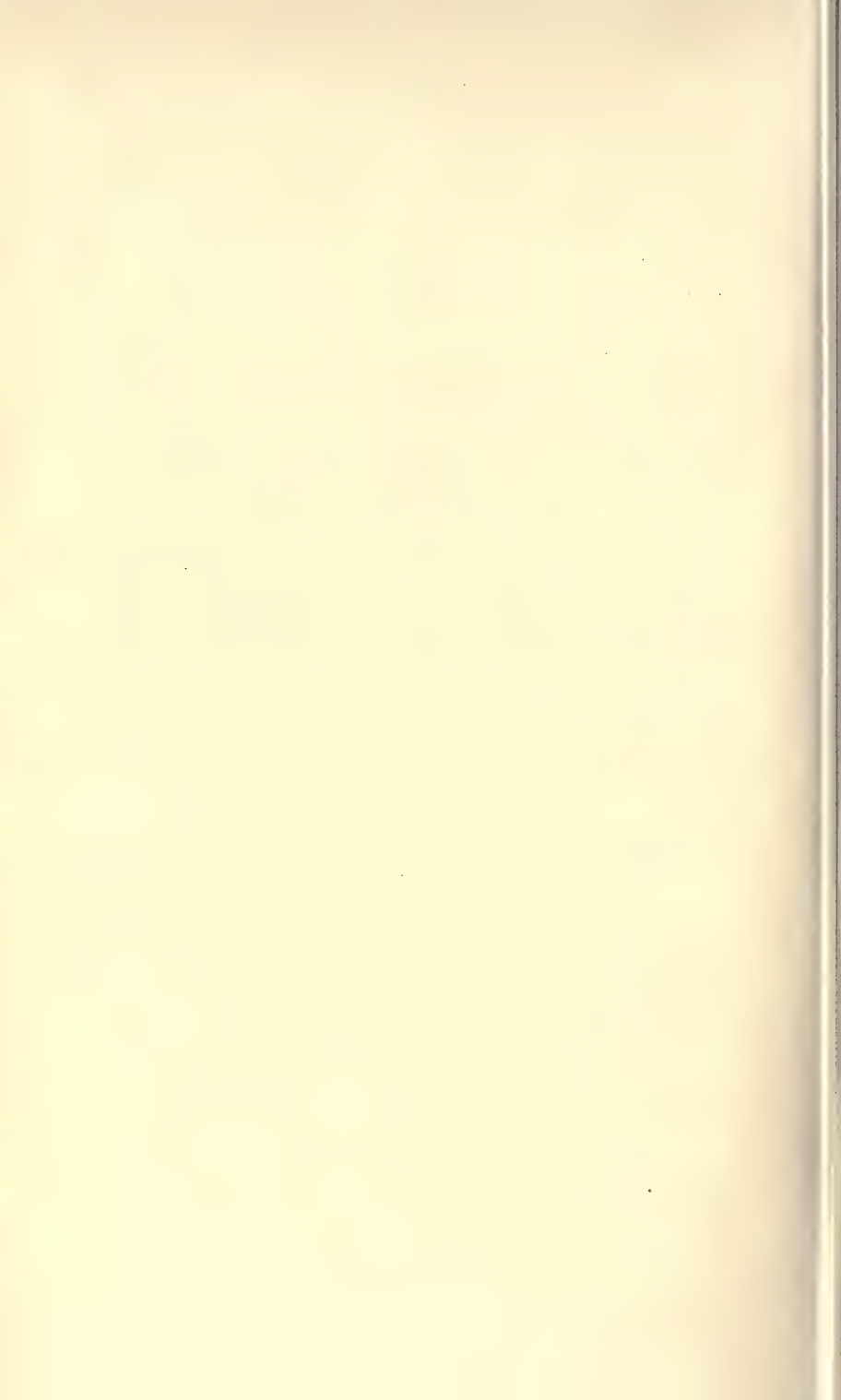
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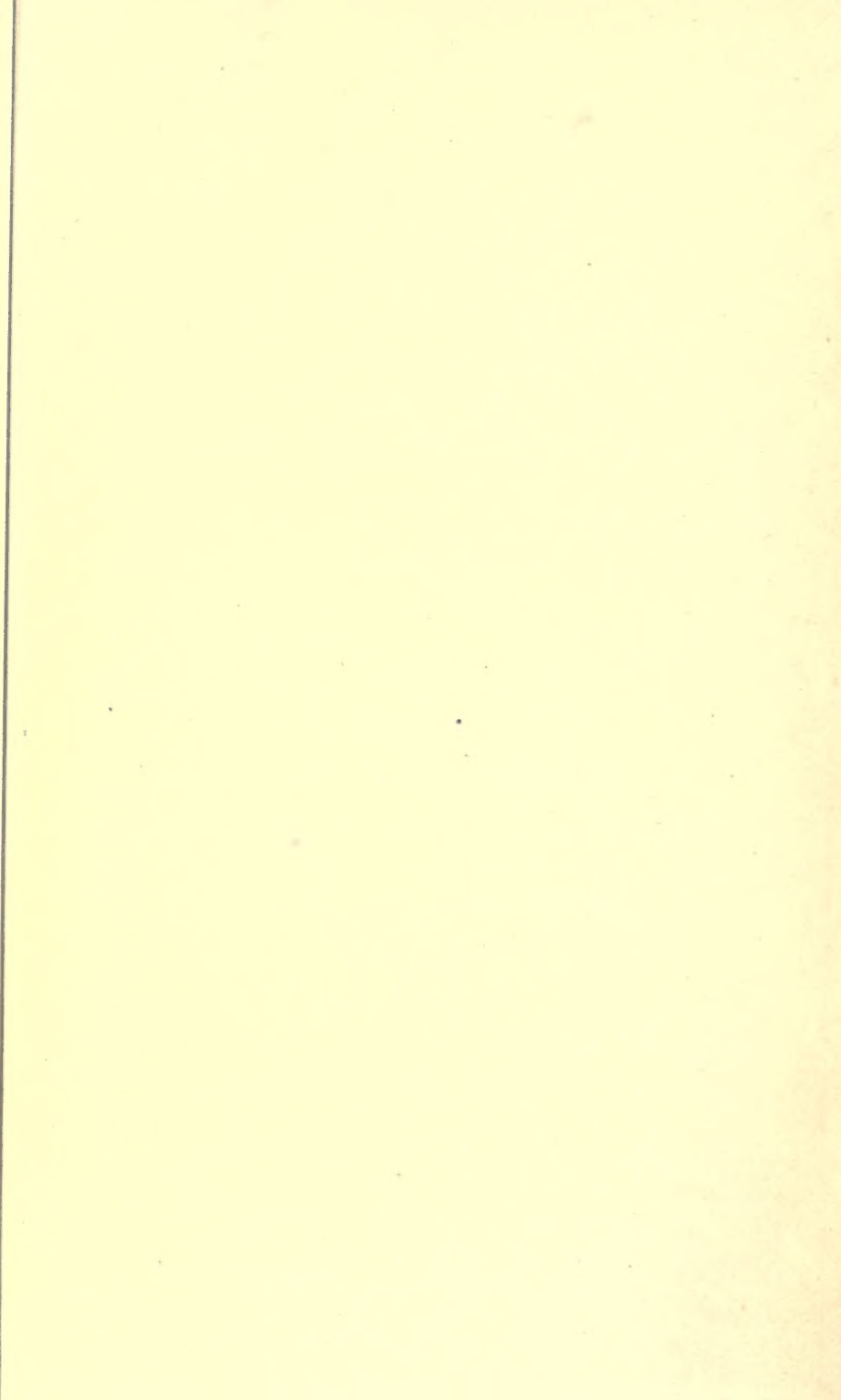
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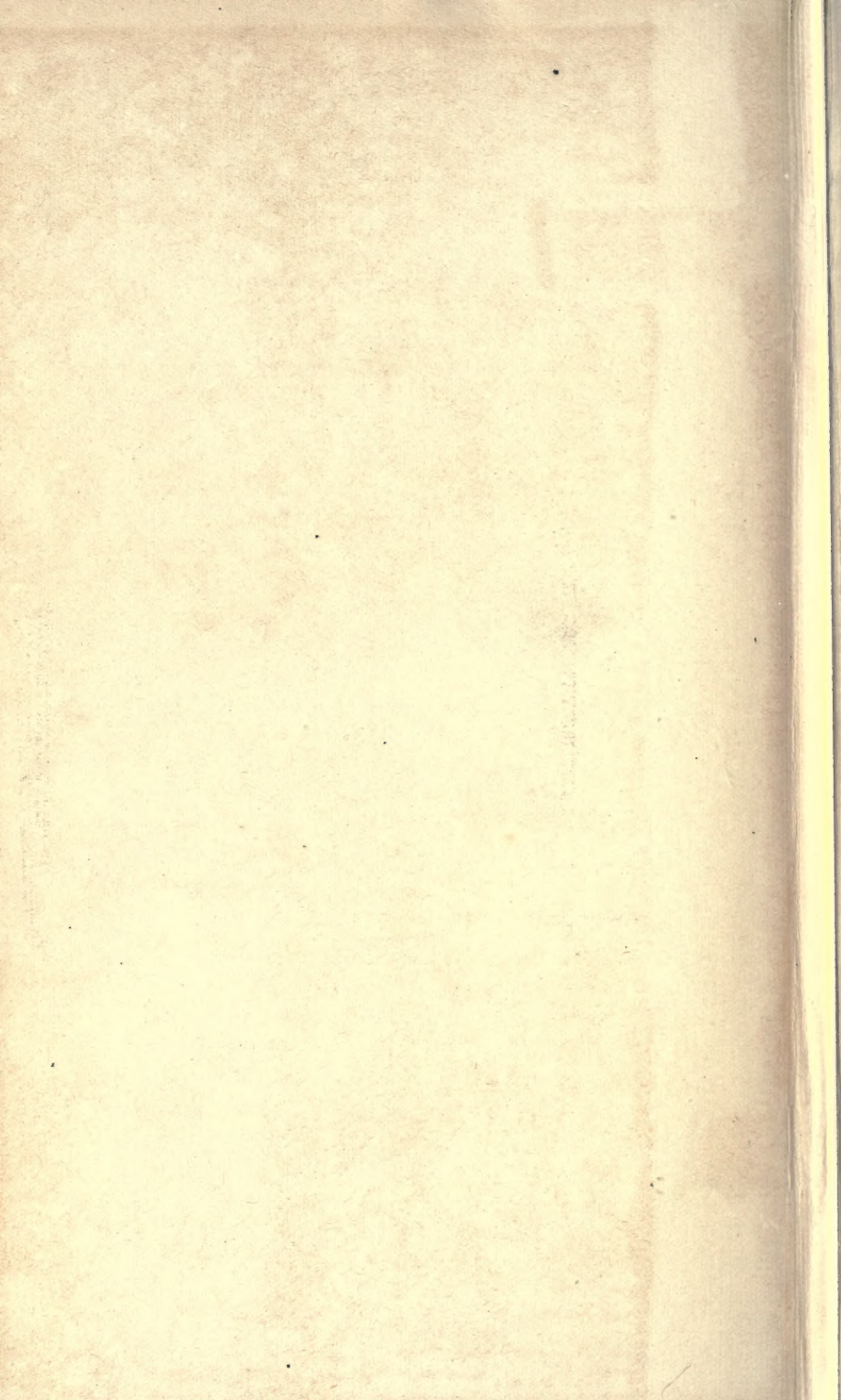
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